The Old Records of the Town of Fitchburgh 1764-1789

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THE OLD RECORDS

OF THE

TOWN OF FITCHBURGH

MASSACHUSETTS

1764—1789

A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF THE TOWN MEETINGS AND SELECTMEN'S RECORDS CONTAINED IN THE FIRST THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR PAGES OF THE FIRST VOLUME OF THE OLD RECORDS OF THE TOWN, BEING

VOLUME ONE

OF THE PRINTED RECORDS OF THE TOWN

COMPILED BY

WALTER A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF FITCHBURG, MASS.

In City Council, Feb. 16, 1897.

The joint standing committee on finance, to which was referred the recommendation in the Mayor's inaugural relating to copying the old town records, recommend the adoption of the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800) be, and the same is, hereby appropriated for the purpose of copying and printing the original town records from 1764; said sum to be charged to incidental account.

Henry F. Rockwell,
E. F. Belding,
A. A. Train,
J. E. Dempsey,
} *Committee on Finance.*

In Board of Aldermen, Feb. 16, 1897.

Report read, accepted, and order adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

Walter A. Davis, *Clerk.*

In Common Council, Feb. 16, 1897.

Read, accepted, and order adopted. In concurrence.

Fred A. Tolman, *Clerk.*

Mayor's Office, Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 17, 1897.

Approved.

Henry F. Rockwell, *Mayor.*

A true copy. Attest:

Walter A. Davis, *City Clerk.*

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INTRODUCTION.

The importance of having the early records of Fitchburg printed was discussed at a meeting of the Fitchburg Historical Society as early as November, 1892; and it was urged that the society should use its influence toward the accomplishment of that object. No action, however, was taken at that time, but at the annual meeting of the society in January, 1895, the subject was again considered, and a committee was chosen to petition the City Council in regard to the matter.

A petition was presented and referred to the Committee on Education, by whom a hearing was granted, at which members of the society were present who urged the necessity of immediate action for the better preservation of the records not only of Fitchburg, but of such records of Lunenburg and its early proprietors, prior to the incorporation of Fitchburg, as might be obtainable.

The report of the committee was favorable, and in accordance with their recommendation an order was passed by the City Council providing for the printing of the records as petitioned for, and an appropriation was made for carrying on the work. During the year 1896 ths first volume was issued, comprising the "Early Records of the Town of Lunenburg, including that part which is now Fitchburg, 1719–1764," and in the following year a similar volume appeared, containing the "Proprietors' Records of the Town of Lunenburg, 1729–1833."

The present volume, containing the "Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg, 1764–1789," the first quarter century of its existence as a town, is presented by the Fitchburg Historical Society as a fit companion for the two before mentioned. The work has been under the supervision of City Clerk Walter A. Davis, who, with

competent assistants, has spared no pains to have it faithfully and accurately done.

The society is fortunate in being able to present as illustrations to this volume the portraits of Capt. Thomas Cowdin and Capt. Joseph Fox, two of the early town clerks, both noted characters in the early history of the town, and of Mrs. Hannah Cowdin, wife of Thomas Cowdin, well known in her day as the accomplished landlady of the Cowdin tavern. Neither of these have ever before been presented to the public.

For the use of the Cowdin portraits the society is indebted to the courtesy of Miss Ethel M. Eager of Belmont, and for that of Capt. Joseph Fox to the daughters of the late Abel Fox Adams of this city, who own the originals.

J. F. D. G.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER ss. FITCHBURG, August 31, 1898.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 5, and ending with page 324, is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburgh as are contained in Volume 1, from February 3, 1764, to March 2, 1789, except that the title, paging, explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me.

[Seal.] HARRISON BAILEY, *Notary Public.*

Anno Regni Regis Georgii Tertii Decimo

An Act for Setting off the Inhabitances as also the Estates of the Westerly part of Lunenburg Into a Seperate Town By the Name of Fitchburgh

Be it Enacted by the Governour Council & house of Representatives that the Inhabitants with their Land on the Westerly part of Lunenburg beginning at Such a place on Leominster Line as that Line Runs East Line therefrom may Run Between the Lands of Mr Paul Wetherby and Jonathan Wood to a Stake & Stones a small Distance to the Westward of Mary Fitch house then running and Runing North 10 Degrees & a half East to the Southeast Corner of Ephraim Whitneys Land then to Keep the Easterly Line of Said Whitneys Land to the Northeast Corner thereof & from that Corner to Run Northwardly on the Eastward Line of Josiah Kimballs Land to the Northeastwardly Corner thereof on from that Corner to Run North four Degrees East to Townsend Line then Running West thirty one Degrees & an half North on Said Townsend Line to Winchester Gore Line then Running South Line to Westminster Line then Turning & Running Southerly on Said Line to Westminster Line then Turning & Running Southerly on Said Line Two miles and an Hundred and Fourty Rods to the Bridge over Monoomsuck River then Turning & Running Southerly on Said River Line to Westminster Line then Turning & Running Southerly on Said Line to Westminster Line then Turning & Running Southerly on Said Line to Westminster Line then Turning & Running Southerly on Said

THE OLD RECORDS

OF THE

TOWN OF FITCHBURGH.

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[5] Anno Regni Regis Georgii Tertie Quarto

An act for Setting off the Inhabitance as alſo the Eſtates of the Weſterly part of Lunenburg Into a Seperate Town by the Name of fitchburgh . . . . . .

Be it Enacted by the Governar Councill & houſe of Repreſentatives that the Inhabitants with their Lands on the Westerly part of Lunenburg beginning at Such a place on Leominſter Line as that a Straight Line therefrom may Run between the Lands of Meſs[as] Paul Wetherby and Jonathan Wood to a Stake & Stone a Small Diſtance to the Weſtward of Mary Holts house then Turning and Runing North 10 Degres & a half East to the Southeast Corner of Ephraim Whitneys Land then to Keep the Eaſterly Line of Said Whitneys Land to the Northeast Corner thereof & and from that Corner to Run Northwardly on the Eastwardly Line of John Whites Land to the Northeastwardly corner thereof and from that Corner to Run North four Degres East to Townſand Line then Running West thirty one Deg[r] & an half North on Townſhand Line to Dorchester Cannada Line Then Turning ſouth Nine Deg[r] Weſt Eight miles and an Hundred and fourty Rods on Dorchester Cannada Line to Westminſter Line then Turning East Eleven Deg[r] thirty minutes South three miles and thirty one Rod to a heap of Stones in Leminſter Line then Turning and Runing to the Bounds firſt mentned be and herby is ſet off and Erected Into a Seperate Town by the name of Fitch-

burgh and that the Said Town be Inveſted with all the Powers Privileges and Immunities that other Towns in this Province do or may by Law enjoy that of ſending a Repreſentative to the General aſembly only Exepted and that the Inhabitants of Said Town ſhall have full power and Right from Time to Time to Joyn with the Said Town of Lunenburg in the Choiſe of a Repreſentative or Repreſentatives and be Subject to pay their proportionable part of the Charges who may be Choſen Either in the Town of Lunenburgh or Town of fitchburgh In which Choise they ſhall Enjoy all the Priviledges which by Law they would [6] have been Intitled to if this act had not bin made and the Select men of the Town of Lunenburg ſhall Iſsue their Warrant to one or more of the Conſtables of the Town of fitchburgh Requireng them to Notifie the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh of the Time and place of their meting for Such Coiſe . . .

Provided Neverthelefs and be it further Enacted that the ſaid Town of fitchburgh ſhall pay their proportion of all Town County and province Taxes already ſet on or Granted to be Raised by ſaid Town of Lunenburg as if this act had not been made. . . . . .

And be it further Enacted that Edward Hartwell Eſq^{r} be and herby is Impowerd to Iſsue his Warrant Directed to Som principal Inhabitant in Said Town of fitchburgh Requiring him to Notifie and warn the Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affaiers to meet at Such Time and place as Shall be therein Set forth to Chuſe all Such officers as Shall be Neceſsary to manage the affairs of Said Town . . . . . .

february 2^{d} 1764 this bill haveing been Read three ſevral Times in the House of Repreſentatives Paſsed to be Enacted

Timothy Ruggles Speaker

febuery 3^{d} 1764 this Bill haveing been Read three ſeveral Times in Councill paſs^{d} to be Enacted

A Oliver Secry

february 3^{d} 1764 by the Governor I Conſent to Enacting this Bill . . . . . Fra Barnard

A True Copy Exa^{d} pr Jno Cotton
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A True Copy . . Ephraim Whitney Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs To m^{r} Amos Kimall of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worceſtr Gentleman Greting

Whereas I am ordered by the Grate and General Court to Iſsue [?] my Warrant Directed to Some principal Inhabitant of Said Town Requireing him to Warn the Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified to Vote in Town affaiers to aſsemble at ſome ſuitable place in ſaid Town to Chooſe all Neceſsary officers to manag the affaiers of ſaid Town . . . . . .

(ſeal) These are therefore In his Majestes name to Require you the Said Amos Kimball forthwith to Notifie and warn the Inhabatants of Said Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affaiers to aſsemble at Capt Samuel Hunts new Dwelling house in Said Town one monday the fifth Day of march at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon then & their being Duely aſsembled to act on the Sevral articls hereafter mentioned that is . . .

firſt to Chuſe a moderator for the Goverment of ſaid meting

2^{ly} to Chuſe a Clark to Enter and Record all Votes & orders.

3^{ly} to Chuſe Select men and all other town officers for the year Inſuing as the Law Directs . . . . . .

4^{ly} to agree and Vote what Day in the month of march the anual Town meting ſhall be for the futter . .

5^{ly} to agree and Vote how and in what maner the Town metings ſhall be warned for the future

here of fail not and make Due Return

Given under my hand and Seale at Lunenburg this fifteenth Day of febuery in the forth year of his majeſts Reign Anno que Domini 1764.

Edward Hartwell Juſtis of peſe

Worceſter ſs. fitchburgh march the 1 1764 . . . .

In obediance to the Within precept I have Notified the Inhabitants Within mentoned to aſemble & meet at time

& place Within mentioned for the purpoſes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the within Inſtrement
pr Amos Kimball

at a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in Town [8] affairs on monday the fifth Day of march A D 1764 at the House of Capt Sumuel Hunts in Said fitchburgh . . .

The Town being aſsembled . . . . Voted & Choſe mr Amos Kimball moderator &

2ly Choſe Ephraim Whitney Town Clark . . . .

3ly Choſe Meſsrs . . . . { Amos Kimball
David Goodridge
Samuel Hunt
Ephraim Whitney
Ruben Gibſon
Select men for fitchbrg

4ly Choſe mr Ephraim Kimball Town Treaſurer . .

5ly Choſe Meſsrs John White & Thos Dutton Wardens

6ly Choſe mr John White Conſtable . . . . . .

7ly Choſe Meſsrs . . { John fitch
Ebenezer Bridge
Phinehas Steward
Kindal Boutall
Thos Dutton
Survayors of high ways

8ly Choſe Meſsrs James Pool & Joſeph Spafford Tything man

9ly Choſe Meſsrs Soloman Steward & Iſaac Gibſon fence veivers

10ly Choſe mr Soloman Steward Serveyor of Shingles & Clabords

11ly Choſe mr Jonathan Wood a Culler of hoops & ſtaves

12ly Choſe mr Phinehas Steward & Thos Gary Hoggreaves

13ly Choſe Meſsrs Willm Chadwick & Silos Snow Deer Reavs

14ly Choſe mr Willm Steward Sealer of Leather

15ly Choſe meſsrs Ezra Whitney & Hezekiah Hodgkins tierwards

16ly Chofe mr David Goodridge a Seveiar of Wheat

17ly Voted the annual metting be for the future on the firft mondy of march

18ly Voted that the Conftable or Conftabls for faid Town for the future Warn all Town meetings

Amos Kimball moderator

[9] Fitchburgh march the 5 1764 The Several perfons afore mentioned who ware chofen by the Town of fitchburgh to the Several offices aforfd appeared and took the oaths by Law Requird to Enable them to Execute the Several bufinefses of their Refpective offices after having first Taken the oath Refpecting the Receiveing & paffing the bills of Credit of the Neighbouring Goverments . . Sworn befor us . . . .

Amos Kimball
David Goodridge
Epr^m Whitney
Ruben Gibfon
} Select men of the Town of fitchburgh

Worcefter fs To mr John White Conftable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of worcefter Greeting . .

(feal) These are In his majefts name to Require you the faid John White forthwith to Notifie and warn the Inhabitants of faid Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to afsemble & meet at Capt Samuel Hunts new Dwelling house in faid Town on mondy the 26 day of march Inftant at twelve of the Clock at noon then and theire being Duly met and formed to act on the folowing articles hereafter mentioned that is firft to Chufe a moderator for the Goverment of faid meeting . . .

2ly to fee what method the Town will Come into for the mending of high ways for the year Enfuing and to Raife money for the fame if they think proper

3ly to fee if the Town will meafure to find the Centre of faid Town and to Chufe a Commite for the fame and to Give them Such Instructons as they fhall think proper.

4ly to hear the accounts of the Committee that has been Imployd for for Gitting the Town of Fitchburgh & for having the fame Incorporated and to see if the Town will Vote money for paying the fame

5ly to Vote any fum or fums of money for Defraing of Neciſary Charges in ſaid Town as they ſhall think proper . . . .

6ly to See if the Hoggs Shall Run at Large for the preſent year

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warant to one of us at or befor the Day of ſaid meting Given under our hands & ſeal at fitchburgh this Twelfth Day of march in fourth year of his majeſts Reign A D 1764

Samuel Hunt
David Goodridge } Select men
Ephraim White } of fitchburgh
Ruben Gibſon

[10] Worceſtr ſs fitchburgh March the 24 1764

In obediance to the Within Written Inſtrument I have Warnd the Inhabitants Within mentioned to aſsemble and meet at Time & place Within mentioned for the purpoſes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the Within Inſtrement

pr John White Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duly Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings at the new Dwelling houſe of Capt Samuel Hunts in ſd fitchburgh on monday the 26 Day of march 1764 The Town being met Voted and Choſe mr David Goodridge moderator . . . . . .

2ly Voted to Raiſe forty pounds by a Rate on the Inhabitants &c to mend High ways and that Each of the Inhabitants who work at the ways be allowed four pence pr Hour and one Shiling & four pence pr Day be allowed for a yoak oxen for a Cart & plough 8 pence per Day Each . . . . . .

3ly Voted that Kendall Boutall Ruben Gibſon & Jonathan Wood be a Committee to provide a Surveyor and with his aſsiſtance find the Center of the Town . . . .

4ly Amos Kimball Layed his acounts for Serviſe Done the Town in procureing the Enorporation of the Town & ſome other articles and Voted by the Town to pay him thirteen pounds & nine pence in Diſcharge of his acount

4ly Capt Samuel Hunt Laid his acount befor the Town & Voted by them to pay him Eight Shilings & Eight pence in Diſcharge of the Same . . . . .

5ly Voted to pay mr John fitch one pound two ſhilings & five pence to Diſcharge his acount . . . .

6ly Voted to pay Ephriam Whitney one pound one ſhiling & four pence in Diſcharge of his acount . . .

7ly Voted to pay mr Jonathan Wood fifteen ſhilings in Diſcharge of his acount

8ly Voted that the Inhabitants be Taxd for the ſame ſums Which ſhall be Collected acording to Law . . . . .

9ly Voted that Eight pounds be Raiſed by Tax on the Inhabitants to Defray Contingent Charges that may ariſe

10ly Voted that the Hoggs may Run at Large the preſent year

pr David Goodridge moderater.

[11] Worceſtr ſs fitchburg Septr the 12 1764

In obianee to the Within Written Inſtrement I have Warned the Inhabitants Within mentined to aſemble and meet at Time & place within mentioned for the purpoſes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the Within inſtrument

pr John White Conſtable

at a Legal meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings at the new Dwelling House of Capt Thos Cowdins In ſd fitchburgh on Wenſday the twelf Day of Sepembr 1764 The Town being meet Voted & Choſe Amos Kimball moderator . . . .

2ly Voted that there be two Scools in ſd Town & that mr John fitch & Kindal Boutwell & their neighborurs ſhall have the benifitt of their ſcoole money in order to provide ſcooling amonge them ſelves . . . . .

3ly Voted that Eight pounds be Raiſed in order to provide a ſcoole maſter in ſd Town . . . . .

4ly Voted Amos Kimball Ephrm Whitney & Thos Dutton be a Scoole Comite . . . . . .

5ly Voted that Amoſ Kimball Ephrm Kimball & Thos Dutton be a commite to provide a Bueering yard in ſd Town . .

*6ly that two miels on the Weſterdly Line begining at the northweſterdly Corner and Half a mile on the Eaſterdly Line Begining at the north Eaſterly Corner on Townſand Line there Runing a Straite Line from Corner to Corner be Sott off to mr John fitch & others in order for them to Joyn a part of Townſhand & a part of Dorcheſter Canady in order to make a Town or pariſh among them ſelvs and that the ſd John fitch & others be freed from paying aney thing to the Settelment of a miniſter or for Bulding a meeting Houſe in ſd Town of fitchburgh . . . . . .

7ly mr Ruben Gibſon Laid his acount before the Town and Voted by them to pay him ſix ſhilings . . .

8ly mr Iſaac Gibſon Laid his a Count befor the Town & Voted by them to pay him ſix ſhilings . . . . . .

9ly Voted that ſix pounds be Raiſed by a tax on the Inhabitents to Defray Contingent Charges that may a Riſe in ſd Town

at a Leagual meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualafied by Law to Vote [12] in Town Meetings at the Houſe Capt Thos Cowdins in ſd fitchburgh on monday the twenty ſecond Day of octobr 1764

firſt Voted & Choſe Iſaac Gibſon moderator . . . .

2ly Voted to Joyn Groton & others in potiſoning the Grat & General Coart for a new County . . . . . .

3ly Voted and Choſe David Goodridge Amos Kimball & Thos Cowdin a Comittee to Conſer with the Committee of Lunenburg Choſen by ſd Lunenburg to manige the afair of ſd County . . . .

4ly Voted that the forth artical in ſd meting ſhould be paſt over . . . . . .

(ſeal) Worceſtr ſs to mr John White Conſtable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worceſtr Greeting . . . . . .

Theſe are therefore in his majeſtis name to Requier you

Ashby. [Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]

the f[d] John White forthwith to notify and warn the free holders & other Inhabitants of f[d] Town Quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to aſemble & meet at Cap[t] Tho[s] Cowdins Houſe Inholder in f[d] fitchburgh on monday the twenty ſixth Day of Novembr Inſent then & there being Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing articals here after mentioned that is firſt to Chouſe a moderator for the Goverment of f[d] meeting

2[ly] to See if it be the minds of the Town to have preaching the Winter Inſuing & to Vote aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper . . . .

3[ly] to See if the Town will make Choice of ſum Conveniant place for Seetting a meeting house & Vote aney thing Refering there to as they ſhall think proper . . .

4[ly] to See if it be the minds of the Town to be preparing of Stuf for the Buielding of a meeting house & to ſee What methoad they will Come Into for having the ſame provided

5[ly] to know the minds of the Town of what Demenſon they would have the meting houſe . . . . . .

6[ly] to See if the Town will Chouſe a Committee to Carrey on the Biſneſs of Buelding a meeting in f[d] Town & to Give [13] ſuch Inſtructons as they ſhall think proper . . . .

7[ly] to ſee if the Town Will Rais aney Sume or Sumes of money for Buelding a meeting house in f[d] Town . . .

Here of fail not & make Due Return of this Warrant to one of us at or before the Day of f[d] meeting . . .

Given under our hands & ſeal at fitchburgh this twelfth Day of Novembr and in the fourth year of his Majeſts Reign A D 1764

Worceſter ſs fitchburgh November the 26 1764

In obediance to the Within Written Warrent I have notifyed & Warned the free holders & other Inhabitents to appear at time & place within mentioned to act on the articels within mentioned acording to the tennor of the Within Inſtrument

P[r] John White Conſtable

at a Leagal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings at the Houſe of Capt Thos Cowdins in Holder in ſd Town on mondy the 26 Day of Novembr 1764 . .

Firſtly Voted & Choſe David Goodridge moderator . .

2ly Voted that they will have ſix Sabath Days preching the Winter Inſuing . . . . .

3ly Voted that Ephm Whitney David Goodridge & Ephm Kimball be the Committee to provide preching for the preſent . . . . . .

4ly Voted that mr Petter Whitney & mr Ruſell be the Genttlemen the Committee apply them ſelvs to firſt for preaching in ſd Town . . . . . .

5ly Voted that the meeting be adjoyrnd foı one ouer

6ly Voted that the place for Seting a meeting Houſe be in a field Called Capt Thos Cowdins Whet yard nigh Decon Amos Kimballs mills in the moſt Convenint place therein

7ly Voted that they will be provideing Stuff for the Building of a meeting Houſe in ſaid Town . . . . .

8ly Voted that the Town have the Benifit of providing of all Neſesarys as to Timbers &c for the Building of a meetin house in ſd Town in Such maner as the Commite Shall think proper

[14] 9ly Voted that it be Left to the Committe to Say What the hight of the meetting Houſe ſhall be . . .

10ly Voted that David Goodridge Ephm Whitney & Thos Cowdin be a Committee to manage & take the care of Bulding the meeting houſe in ſd Town . . . . .

11ly Voted & Choſe Ephm Whitney Amos Kimball & Ephm Kimball a Committee to agree with Capt Thos Cowdin for a Conveniant plaſe for to ſeet a meeting Houſe in ſd Town Even the Land a bove Voted & made Choice of & to take Secuerity of the Land in Behalf of the Town . .

12ly Voted that fifty pounds be Raised for the Bulding of a meeting houſe in ſd Town . . . . . .

13ly Voted to have the preaching in Capt Thos Cowdins Houſe in ſaid Town . . . . . .

Worceſter ſs fitchburgh December the 17 1764

To mr John White Cunſtable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worceſter Greeting . . .

theſe are therfore in his Majeſtis name to Require you the ſaid John White forthwith to Notify & Warne the free Holders & other Inhabitents in ſd Town Quallifyed by Law to Vote in Town meetings to aſsemble & meet at Capt Thos Cowdins houſe in ſd Town on mondy the 24 Day of Deembr at one of the Clock in the afternoon then and their Being Duely met and formd to act on the folowing artels hereafter menſioned that is firſt to Chueſe a moderator for the Goverment of ſd meeting . . .

2ly to See if the Town Will Reconſider aney part of the former former Vote Relating to the Inhabitants of the Towns Being Imployed in Giting Timber for the Bulding a meeting houſe in ſd Town . . . .

3ly to See if the Town Will Leet out the Hueing and framing of the meeting Houſe to mr Timothy parker or Impowr the Committee So to Do or vote aney thing Refering there to as they ſhall think proper

4ly to See if the Town Will Give the Committee aney further Inſtructions choſen by them for the Carrying on the afare of Bulding a meeting houſe in ſd Town . . . .

Here off faill not & make Due Return of this Warrant Unto one of us at or Before the Day of ſd meeting Given under our hands at fitchburgh Decembr the 17 A D 1764 and in the fifth year of his majeſts Regn

[15] Worceſtr ſs fitchburgh Decembr the 24 1764

In obediane to the Within precipt I have Notified the Inhabitents Within mentioned to appear at Time & place Within mentioned for the purpoſes Within menſioned acording to the tenor of the Within Inſtrumant

pr me John White Conſtable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualified by Law to vote in Town affaers at the houſe of Capt Thos Cowdins in ſd fitchburgh on mondy the 24 Day of Decembr at

one of the Clock in the after noone the Town Being meet Voted & Chofe David Goodridge moderator . .

2ly Voted that the former vote Refering to the Towns Having the Benifet of the Gitting the Timber for the Buelding a meeting Houfe in fd Town in part be Reconfiderd . . .

3ly Voted that mr Timothy Parker huew & fraime the meeting Houfe the Town finding the Timber for two hundred & fifty pounds old tenor fifty pounds being paid when the timber is hued . . . .

4ly Voted that the Committee be Impowerd to agree with mr Timothy Parker to hue & fraime the meeting houfe & to have the Same Ready by the 17 Day of angust to Rafe . . . . .

5ly Voted that the Committe be Impowerd to provide all Nefafaries for the finifhing the meeting Houfe . .

(feal) Worcefer fs To mr John White Cunftabl of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worceftr Greeting

Thefe are therfor in his majefts name to Requir the fd John White forthwith to notify & warn the free holders & other Inhabitents quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to afemble & meet at the Houfe of Capt Thos Cowdins in fd Town on monday the forth Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the fournoon then and their Being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articals [16] herafter menfoned that is firft to Chufe a moderator for Goverment of fd meeting . . . .

2ly to Chufe Select men & all other Town officers for the year Infuing as the Law Directs . . . . .

3ly to See What method the Town Will Com into for mending the High Ways & to Raife money for the Same or Vote aney thing Refering there to as they fall think proper

4ly to hear the Several aCounts of the Sevares for the year paft . . . .

5ly to Except of Such Roads as the Select men Shall Lay out or Caufe to be Laid out by their order.

6ly to See if it be the minds of the Town to make application to the Grate & General Court for to have a

tax Laid on the Wild Land in f^d^ Town & to Chouſe a man or men to manag the Buſines as they ſhall think proper

7^ly^ to hear the a Counts of thoſe men that have Dun Servis for the Town & to Rais money for paying the same if they Shall think proper . . . .

8^ly^ to hear the Requeſt of Eph^m^ OZorn & others that is to See if the Town will Reconſider their Vote Reſpecting the placing of the meeting Houſe & Votte to place it near the Center of f^d^ Town the better to acomedate Sundry of the Inhabitents who Seam Diſſatisfied With the place alredy appointed for Building f^d^ meeting Houſe . . . . . .

9^ly^ to See if the Town Will Votte that the Hogs Shall Run at Large the preſent year . . . .

Hereof faile not and make Return of this Warrant unto us at or before the Day of f^d^ meeting

Given under our hands & seal at fitchburgh this fourteenth Day of febuary & in the fifth year of his majeſtes Reign A D 1765

Amos Kimball
David Goodridge
Eph^m^ Whitney
Ruben Gibſon
} Select men for fitchburgh

[17] Worceſter ſs fitchburgh march the 2 1765

In obediance to the within warrent I have notifyed & warned the free holders & other Inhabitants to appear at time & place within menſhoned to act on the articals within menſhoned acording to the Tenor of the Within Inſtrement

Pr John White Conſtable

at a Legal meeting of the free Holders & Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Quallified by Law to Votte in Town afairs at the Houſe of Capt Thos Cowdins in f^d^ fitchburgh on mondy the forth Day of march 1765 the Town being meet Votted and Choſe Capt David Goodridge moderator . . . .

2^ly^ Voted & Choſe Capt David Goodridge De^a^ Amos Kimball & Capt Thos Cowdin Select men for f^d^ Town . .

3ly Votted & Chofe Ephm Whitney Town Clark . .
4ly Votted & Chofe Ephm Kimball Town Treafurer .
5ly Votted & Chofe Phinehas Steward Conftable in the Rum of James Poole . . . . . .
6ly Votted & Chofe Ifaiah Witt & James Poole Wardens
7ly Votted & Chofe Willm Chadweek & Soloman Steward Tythingmen
8ly Votted & Chofe Thos Gary Silos Snow & Jonathan Wood & Jefse french & Samuel Sanderfon Survars of High Ways
9ly Votted & chofe Kindall Bouwell & Ifaac Gibson Dear Reafs
10ly Votted & Chofe Ebenezer Bridge & Ephm Ozburn be men to take Care of the fier the year Infuing . . .
11ly Votted & Chofe Niclos Danforth & Samuel Parce hogg Revs
12ly Votted & Chofe Phinhas Steward Survayer of Shingls & & Clabords . . . . .
13ly Votted & Chofe Jonathan Wood Survayer of hups & ftavs
14ly Votted & Chofe Jacob Steward Sealer of Leather
15ly Votted & Chofe Jofeph Spafford & Hezekiah Hodgkin fence Vewers . . . . .
16ly Votted and Chofe Thos Cowdin Survayer of Wheet
17ly Votted that the High Ways be mended by a tax Laid upon the Inhabitants in maner as was the Laft year
18ly Votted that forty pounds be Raifed for mending the high Ways
19ly Votted Exept the Road from Jonathan Woods to Decon Amos Kimballs mill if the Land be Given that is begining at fd Woods and fo Runing on Common Land to Dea [18] Ephm Pearces Land & throw fd Pearces Land to Land of mr Emerfons & through a Corner of fd Emerfons Land to Land of one mr mace & through fd mace Land to Capt Thos Cowdins Land & throw fd Cowdins Land to fd mace Land a gain & through fd Cowdins Land & on fd maces Land to Lands of Decon Kimball &

ſo on ſ^d^ Cowdins & ſ^d^ Kimballs Lands unto the Road near the Bridge Called Kimballs Bridge ſ^d^ Road to be two Rods wide Diſcribed by marks on the north ſide of ſ^d^ Road

Jonathan Wood
David Goodridge } Commite
Thos Cowdin

20^ly^ Votted that the Road be Exepted from m^r^ Iſaac Gibſon to m^r^ Thos Duttons if Given that is Begining at the north west Corner of Joſeph Spaffords Land & Running ſoutherdly on Common Land to the ſouth weſterd Corner of Willm Chadwick Land then Runing on the Line Betwen Nicos Danford & m^r^ meeds one Rod on Each then Runing to the North eastrdly Corner of Iſaiah Witts Land then Runing Southerdly to the Brook then Runing a Strate Line to the Rode Betwen Jeſse french & Thos Dutton to the County Road . .

Iſaac Gibſon
Ruben Gibſon
Iſaiah Witt } Committe
Willm Chadwick

21^ly^ Votted that the Road be Exepted from m^r^ James Richardsons to mr Phinehas Steward ſo frar as the Land ſhall be given & now farther that is Begining at Leominſtor Line through m^r^ James Richerdſons Land to Willm Stewards Land & through ſ^d^ Stewards Land to Samuel Parces Land & through ſ^d^ Parces Land to phinehas Stewards Land & upon ſ^d^ Stewards Land into the Road near ſ^d^ Stewards Houſe ſ^d^ Road to be two Rods Wide Deſcribed by marks on the Eaſt ſide

David Goodridge
Willm Steward } Committe
Samuel Parce

22^ly^ Capt David Goodridge Laid his a Count befor the Town and Votted to pay him ſixteen ſhilings

23^ly^ John White Laid his a Count befor the Town & Votted by them to pay him nine Shilings . . . . . .

24^ly^ Eph^m^ Whitney Laid his acount befor the town & Votted by them to pay Eighten Shilings & Eight pence

25^ly^ Thos Dutton Laid his a Count befor the Town and Votted [19] by them to pay him ten Shilings & Eight

pence or that it be a Lowed the next year on his high way Rats . . . . .

26ly to apply to Coart for a Tax on the Lands

27ly Votted & Chose Dea Amos Kimball to apply to Court for a tax to be Laid on the Wild Land . . . .

28ly Votted and Chofe Capt Thos Cowdin, Ruben Gibfon, Iſaiah Witt } Committe to aGree With Dea Amos Kimball what fume to afk the Coart for as a tax on an acre of Land . . . . .

29ly Votted that Survaers be the Collectors of the High Way Rates for this preſent year . . . . .

30ly Votted that the 9 artile in the warrant which was to ſee if the Town would alter the place for ſeting the meeting house be paſsed over

31ly Votted that Hoggs Go at Large this preſent year

32ly Votted and alowed the Select mens acounts—£2—0—8

Worceſtr ſs to the Cunſtable of the town of fitchburgh Greting you are Requird in his majeſts name to notifie and warn all the free Holders & other Inhabitants of ſd Town Quallified by Law to Votte in Town meetings to aſemble & meet at the Houſe of Capt Thos Cowdins Inholder in ſd Town on mondy the ſeventeenth Day of June Inſtant at three of the Clock in the afternoon then & there being Duely meet to act on the foloing articals hearafter menſioned that is firſt to Chuſe a moderator for the Goverment of ſd meeting . . . . .

2ly to ſee Whether the Town Will Repair the old Bridge or Build a new one over ſd River near the mills . .

3ly to ſee What method the Town will Come into to buield ſd Bridge or Votte aney thing Refering there to as they ſhall think proper = Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant unto ſom one of us the Subſcribers at or befor ſd Day Given under our Hands & Seal at fitchburgh June the 3day & in the fifth year of his Majeſts Reign A D 1765

David Goodridge, Amos Kimball, Thos Cowdin } Select men for fitchburgh

[**20**] Worceſtr ſs fitchburgh June the 15 1765

In obediance to the within writen warrant I have notifid & warnd the free holders & other Inhabitents to appear at time & place within meſioned to act on the articles within menſhoned acording to the tenour of the within Inſtrement . . . . .

Pr Phinehas Steward Conſtable

at a Legal meeting of the free holders & Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Votte in Town meetings at the houſe of Capt Thos Cowdins Inholder in ſd Town on munday the Seventeenth Day of June 1765 at three of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd proceeded as follows that is. . .

1ly Votted & Choſe mr John White moderator . . .

2ly Votted to Repair the old Bridge over the River in ſd Town near the mills . . . .

3ly Votted that the Bridge be Repaired by a tax Laid on the Inhabitants of ſd Town . . . . .

4ly Votted & Greed with mr Phinehas Steward & mr Jonathan Wood to Undertak to Repair the Bridge for Eight pounds Lawfull money their Dowing the Bifines forthwith . . .

Worceſtr ſs To the Counſtable of the Town of fitchburgh Greeting you are Required in his majeſts name to notify & warn all the free holders & others Inhabitants of ſd Town Quallifyed by Law to Votte in Town meetings to aſemble & meet at the Houſe of Capt Thos Cowdins Inholder in ſd town on monday the thurteth Day of Septembr Inſtant at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being Duely meet to act on the articals following that is firſt to Chouse a moderator for the Goverment of ſd meeting

2ly to ſee what methord the Town will com into Relating ſcools & chuſe a Committee for the same & Give them ſuch Inſtructons as they ſhall think proper & Raiſe money for the ſame as they ſhall think proper . . . .

3ly to ſee whether the Town will have aney preaching in ſd Town the Winter Inſuing & Rais money for the ſame & Chouſe a Committee to provide preaching [21] & Give them Such Inſtructons as they Shall think proper

4ly to Raiſe money for mr Petter Whitney for his three Laſt Days preaching Laſt Winter . . . .

5ly to ſee what method the Town will come into to Rase the meeting Houſe . . .

6ly to chouſe a committee to provide ſuch things as they Shall think neſesary for Raiſing ſd Houſe & Give them ſuch Inſtructons as they ſhall think proper

7ly to hear the acounts of aney perſons that have Dun Servis for the Town & Grant money for payment of the ſame

8ly to ſee if the Town will Exept of the Bridge Votted to be Built by mr Phinehas Steward & mr Jonathan Wood & Votte aney thing as they ſhall think proper . . . . . .

9ly to Raiſe aney Sum or Sums of money for Serviſe of ſd Town as they Sall think proper . . . . .

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant & your Dowings there on to Sum one of us the Subſcribers at or before the time of meeting —— Given Under our hands & Seal at fitchburgh this Seventeenth Day of Septembr & in the fifth year of his majeſts Reign A D 1765

David Goodridge, Amos Kimball, Thos Cowdin } Select men for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs fitchburgh Septr the thirteth 1765

I have wared all the Votters Acording to the within Ritten Warrant . . . . Pr Phinehas Steward Conſtable

at a Legal metting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Votte in Town meetings at the Houſe of Capt Thos Cowdins Inholder in ſd Town on monday the thurteth Day of Septr 1765 at one of the Clock in the afternoon the Town

being meet & formd proceded to act on the folowing artcls here after menſoned that is firſt Votted & Choſe Capt Thos Cowdin moderator . . . .

2^{ly} Votted that the ſecond & third artcle in ſ^{d} warrant be paſed over which artcles ware Relating to having Scool & preaching the Winter Inſuing . . . . . .

3^{ly} Votted that money be Raised to pay m^{r} Petter Wittney for his three Laſt Days preaching Laſt Winter

[22] 4^{ly} Votted that Every man bring in his proviſon to the meeting houſe ſpot for the Raiſing of the Same

5^{ly} Votted that De^{n} Amos Kimball Capt Thos Cowdin Eph^{m} Kimball & Iſaac Gibſon & Iſaiah Witt be a Committee for to provide ſuch things for the Raising of the meeting houſe in ſ^{d} Town as they ſhall think proper

6^{ly} Votted that the Second article be paſsed over . .

7^{ly} Votted that Six Dollors be aded to m^{r} Phinehas Steward & m^{r} Jonathan Wood for Som Extreordny work Dun to the Bridge by Kimballs mill . . .

8^{ly} Votted that the ninth artical be paſsed over

Worceſtr ſs to the cunſtable of the Town of fitchburgh Greeting in his maieſtes name you are Requird to notify & warn the free holders & other Inhabitents Quallifyed by Law to vote in town afairs to aſemble & meet at the house of Thos Cowdins Inholder in fitchburgh on Thurſdy the twenty firſt Day of this Inſtant Novembr at one of the clock in the after noon then & their Being Duly meet and formd to act on the folowing articals that is firſt to Chouſe a moderator for the Goverment of ſ^{d} meeting . .

2^{ly} to hear acounts of the Town Treaſuror . . . .

3^{ly} to Chouse a Committee to provide Scool or Scools as they ſhall think proper . . . . . .

4^{ly} to Raiſe money for the Scool or Scools as they ſhall think prop

5^{ly} to ſee What method the Town will com into to cover the meetinghouse & to give the Committe aney further Inſtructons as they ſhall think proper . . .

6^{ly} to ſee if the Town will Rais aney ſum or ſums of money for finishing ſ^{d} meeting houſe . . . . . .

7ly to hear the Report of the Committee for providing a Buering yard or give them aney further Instructons as they Shall think proper . . . . . .

8ly to see Whether the Town Chuefes to have aney preaching this Winter & to chouse a Committee to provide as they shall think proper . . . . . .

9ly to Chouse a Committee or Committes as they shall think proper . . . . .

[23] 10ly to hear aney a Counts of aney persons that hath Done Servis for fd Town & to Raise monney for the Same as they shall think proper

11ly to see Whether the Town will aLow Timothy parker aney fitting Consideration for Servis in Building the meeting hous

12ly to see Whether the Town will Rais aney Sum or Sums of money for Service of fd Town as they shall think Nesesary

Hear of fail not & make Return of this Warrant With your Downgs there on to Sume one of us the Subscribrs at on or before the time of fd meeting Given under our hands and Seal at fitchburgh this twelfth Day of novembr & in the fifth year of his majefts Reign A D 1765

Thos Cowdin } Select
Amos Kimball } men for
David Goodridge } fitchburgh

Worcester ss fitchburgh Novembr the 21 1765

In obediance to your Warrant I have notifyd & warned all the Inhabitents of fd Town quallifid by Law to vote in Town afairs Phinehas Steward Constable

at a Leagal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Quallifed by Law to vote in Town afairs at the House of Capt Thos Cowdins Inholder in fitchburgh on thursday the 21 Day of novembr 1765 at one of the Clock in the after noon the Town being meet & formd proceded to act on the following artcles that is firft Votted & Chose David Goodridge moderator . . . .

2ly Votted that their Shall be a Scoole Kept this Winter

3ly Votted that Capt Thos Cowdin, Kindall Boutwall, Jonathan Wood } Scool Committee for fd Town

4ly Votted to have two Scools in fd Town & that mr Poole & mr John fitch with their Neighbors have the Benefitt of their Scool money in order to provide a mong them felves . . . . . .

5ly Votted that three pounds be Raifed for Scooling

6ly Votted that the Committee provid Bords with all other other nefecaries needfull in order to cover the meeting House in fd Town . . . . . .

[24] 7ly Votted that Capt Thos Cowdin undertak to finifh the out fide of the meeting house & Lay the Lower flower for three hundred Pounds old tenor the Town providing all the ftufe neceſary therefor at the ſpot where fd House ſtands

8ly Votted that Seventy Pounds be Raifed for the ufe of fd town

9ly Votted to Exept the Report of the Committe Chofen by fd Town to provide a burieng yard

10ly Votted not to have preching this winter . . .

11ly Votted & Chofe Elifha fullum a Committee man to Joyn with Capt David Goodridge & Capt Thos Cowdin to take the Care & Build a meeting houſe in fd Town . .

12 Votted to mr Timothy Parker Eight pounds as a Consideration for his hewing & framing the meeting house in fd Town

Worceſter ſs To the Cunſtable of the Town of fitchburgh Greting In his majeſts name you are Requird to notifie & warne all the free holders & other Inhabitents qualified by Law to vote in Town afairs to aſemble & meet at the house of Thos Cowdins Inholder in fd fitchburgh on mondy the third Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the four noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the artels folowing

1ly to Chuse a moderator for Goverment of fd meeting

2ly to Chuse Select meen & other Town oficers . . .

3ly to Exept of fuch Roads as Shall be Laid out by the Select men or their order . . . .

4ly to Rais aney Som or Sums of money for mending high ways & vote how it Shall be workt out . . . .

5ly to pafs a Vote that all those perfons that hath Given Land for Town Rods Shall not be at aney coft to purches Rods for other perfons that hath not Given aney Land for Town Rods til others have given their proporton Equel . . .

6ly to see if the Town will pafs a Vote that the Sevral Servars or Colectors of the high way Rats Shall be acountabl to the Town Treafuror for the Soms committed to them to be Workd out . . . .

7ly to fee if the Town will Reconfider their vots of the Last meeting Relating a Buerying yard & Exept of another place

8ly to fee if the Town will Dis Continue aney Rods that are alredy Laid out

[25] 9ly to fee if the Town Thinks proper to proced on their former vote Relating the Land tax to have the Commite alredy chofen proced or give them aney farther Inftructons as they fhall think proper

10ly to here the a Counts of the Several Survars for the year paft & vote aney thing there on as they Sall think proper

11ly to here the a Counts of aney perfon that hath Don Serves for the Town & Rais money to pay the Same

12 to fee if the Town will com into Sume method to prevent other Towns people Bringing Catle into Town as it is a Grate Damige to the Inhabitants . . . . .

13ly to fee if the Town will Suffer hogs to Run at Large the prefent year . . . . .

14ly to fee if the Town will give the committee aney further Inftructons towards Glafing the meeting house & Culliring the fame if they think proper . . . . .

15ly to fee if the Town will com into aney other metod to warn Town meetings for the futer . . . . .

16ly to Chufe a County Regifter for the County of Worcefter

Here of fail not & make Return of this Warrant with your Dowings their on to Sum one of us at or Befor the time of meeting Given under our hands & Seal this 17 Day of febuery & in the ſixth year of his majeſts Reign A D 1766

David Goodridge, Amos Kimball, Thoˢ Cowdin } Select men for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs fitchburgh march the 1 1766

In obediane to this warrant I have warned all the free holders all the free holders & other Ihabitents Qualified by Law to vote in Town metings to meet at Capᵗ Thoˢ Cowdins on mondy the third Day of march at nine of the Clock in the four noon

Phinehas Steward Conſtable for fitchburgh

at a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town afares to meet at the houſe of Capᵗ Thoˢ Cowdins in fᵈ fitchburgh on mondy the third Day of march 1766 the Town being meet Votted & Choſe Capᵗ David Goodridge moderator

[**26**] 2ˡʸ Votted & choſe Amos Kimball Thoˢ Cowdin David Goodridge Select men for the fᵈ Town . . .

3ˡʸ Votted & Choſe Amos Kimball Town Clark . .

4ˡʸ Votted & Choſe Jonathan Wood Towñ Treaſurer

5ˡʸ Votted & Choſe Ephᵐ Kimball Cunſtable . . .

6ˡʸ Votted & Choſs moſes Thurlo Solomon Steward wardens . . . . .

7ˡʸ Votted & Choſe Nichlos Danforth Nehemiah fuller Tiething meen . . . . .

8ˡʸ Votted & Choſe Thoˢ Cowdin Thoˢ Harris William flagg David Goodridge moſes Thurlo to be Survars of high Ways

9ˡʸ Votted & Choſe Joſeph Low Eliſha fullum Dear Reavs

10ˡʸ Votted & Choſe John fitch Kindal Boutall to take care of fiers . . . . .

11ˡʸ Votted & Choſe William Cox Jonathan Holt Hezekiah Hodgkns hogg Reves . . . . .

12ly Votted & Choſe Phinehas Steward Survare of Clabords & Shingels . . . . .

13ly Votted & Choſe John Buſs Survare of hups & Staves

14ly Votted & Choſe Jacob Steward Seler of Lether

15ly Votted & Choſe Amos Kimball Ephm Kimball ſene vewers . . . . .

16ly Votted & Choſe Thos Cowdin Survare of Wheet

17ly Votted & Choſe Iſaac Gibson Phinehas Steward field Drivers . . . . .

18ly Votted that the Rod be Exepted from the Bridge nar Jeſse frenchs mills to Eliſha fulloms if Given it Begining at fd Bridge Runing through Land of Samuel Walkers near a ſouth west pint to Land of Amos Kimballs & through fd Kimballs Land to Land of mr olivers near a ſouth pint through fd olivers Land to Land of Eliſha fullums & through fd fullums Land to the Rod that Leads by fd fullums to Leomenſtr and marked numbr of treas on the weſterdly ſide of fd Rod ſaid Rod to be two Rods wide

Amos Kimball, Thos Cowdin } Select men of fd Town

[27] 19ly Votted & Exepted a two Rod Road if Given Begining at moſes Thurlos & Thos Garys Land ſo Runing through mr meeds Land to Land of fd Thurlos & then to Land of Thos Duttons ſo through to the county Road at fd Duttons house on the Weſterdly ſide of fd Duttons Houſe & marked the treſs on the sotherdly Side & Weſterdly Side

Iſaac Gibſon, Iſaiah Witt, Ebenezer Bridge, moſes Thurlo, Thos Cowdin } as Comitte

20ly Votted that Sixty pounds be Raiſed for the mending the high Ways for this preſent year . . . . . .

21 Votted that it be Left to the Select men how high way money ſhall be workt out with theſe Reſtraints that it be workt out by the our as was the Last year . . .

22ly Votted that thoſe that have Given Rods in fd

Town ſhall not be Expoſed to By Rods til others that have not Given aney Shall be their proportionabl part with them . . . . . .

23ly Votted that the Survars Shall be Colectors of high way Rats & Shall be a Countable to the Town Treaſuror for the Sums Committed to them to be workt out . . . .

24ly Votted that the former vote Reſpecting the Towns Exepting the Report of a Commite Choſen to provide a buering yard be Reconſiderd . . . . . .

25ly Votted to Except one acre of Land of Amos Kimball for a Buering yard . . .

26ly Votted that the Rod from Thos Garys barn towards Capt Jonathan Woods mill be throne up

27ly Votted that the Committee Choſen to Git a Land tax Shall proceed . . . . .

28ly Votted that the old Survaers See that the high ways Rats for the year paſt be workt out & to Settle with the Treaſurer . . . . . .

29ly Votted that Capt David Goodridge aCount be a Lowd 10/

30ly Votted that Amos Kimball a Count be a Lowd 10/

31ly phinehas Steward Laid his Aount befor the Town for warning out perſons & votted to pay him 8/

32ly Ephm Kimball Laid his a Count befor the Town for being Treaſuror and votted by them to pay him 12/

33ly Amos Kimball Laid his a Count before the Town [28] for Keping Whitney & votted by them to pay him Sixteen Shilings 16/

34ly Votted that the Inhabitants of other Towns ſhall not be alowed to bring in aney Cattel into town that have no Intreſt in ſd town

35ly Votted that the hoaggs Go att Large this year

36ly Votted that the Committey Choſen to Glaſe the metinghouse are to Coller the ſd houſe . . . . .

Septembr the 15 1766

Worceſter ſs to Ephriam Kimball Cunſtable of the Town of fitchburgh Greeting in his majeſtis name you

are Requird to notify & warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants qualifid by Law to vote in town afaers to aſsemble & meet att the meeting house in ſ[d] town on mondy the twenty Second Day of this month at one of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the arteals folowing . . . . .

1[ly] to Chuſe a moderator for Goverment of ſ[d] meeting

2[ly] to ſee if the Town will Exept of what m[r] Abel Baldwin hath Don in finishing of the out ſide of the meeting house and Laying the Loear floer. . . . .

3[ly] to See what method the Town will take to provide a Scool or Scools & to Chuſe a Committe to provid a Scool marster & to Give them ſuch Inſtructons as they ſhall thnk proper

4[ly] to See if they will have preaching this winter & to Chuse a Committee for the Same purpos & to Give them Such Inſtroctons a they Shall think proper . . . .

5[ly] to See What method the town will com into in Dispoſing of the pue Ground in the meeting house & to Chuse a Committee for that purpos & to Give them Such Inſtructons as they Shall think proper . . . . .

6 Past over

7[ly] to See if the town will Raise aney money to Defray Town Charges

8[ly] to See if the Town will a bate m[r] Ebenzer Bridge what he was Ratted for Barnebas Woods in the year 1764

9[ly] to See if the Town will com into aney method to build a pound

10[ly] to See if the Town will Raise aney money to finiſh the County Rode Latly Laid out by the Corts Committey . . . . . .

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant to ſom one of us at on or before the Day a bove mentined Given under our hands & Sele this fiftenth Day of Septembr 1766 & in the Sixth [29] year of his majeſts Reign

Amos Kimball
David Goodridge } Select men of
Thos Cowdin
fitchburgh

I have warned the free holders & other Inhabitants acording to Law Ephriam Kimball Cunſtable of fitchburgh

at a Legal meetting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in town a fauers at the meeting house in ſ^d^ Town on mondy the twenty ſecond Day of this month at one of the Clock in the after noon the Town being meet voted & Choſe Capt David Goodridge moderator

2^ly^ Votted & Exepted of What m^r^ Abel Baldwin has Dun toward finiſhing the out ſide of the meeting houſe & Laying the under floor

3^ly^ Votted that the Town Treaſurer Shall Give Secuerety to mr abel Baldwine or Capt Thos Cowdin for finiſhing the out Side of the meeting house & Laying the under floore

4^ly^ Votted to have a Scool in ſ^d^ town & Rais Eight pounds for to be Laid out in Scooling . . . . . .

5^ly^ Choſe Ruben Gibſon Ephriam Kimball moſes Thurlo Scool Commite . . . . .

6^ly^ Votted that two thirds of the ſcool money to be Laid out in the middel of the Town & the Reſt of the money to be Laid out by the Commity as they Shall think proper on the out ſides off the Town . . . . .

7^ly^ Votted to have preching in ſ^d^ town . . . . .

8^ly^ Votted & Raiſed forty pounds of money for preaching

9^ly^ Choſe Amos Kimball Eliſha fullam Jonathan Wood for to git a minester to prech . . . .

10^ly^ Votted to here m^r^ Petter Whitney m^r^ angier m^r^ Payson if they will com & preach with us . . . .

11^ly^ Votted to Sell the Pue Ground in ſaid meting house

12^ly^ Votted that fifty three pounds ſix ſhilings & Eight pene be Laid upon the pene Ground . . . .

13^ly^ Choſe John White Kindal Boutwall Soloman Steward John Thuſton Eph^m^ Kimball for to Lay out & Digniſy the pues & to make Return to the Town the next meeting

14^ly^ Votted that Ebenezer Bridges Raets ſhall be abated which he was Rated for Barney Wood in the year 1764 . . . . .

15ly Votted that the higest payer upon Reael Estate ſhall have the firſt Choise in the pues in ſaid metng houſe

16ly Votted to Build a pound in ſaid Town . . .

[30] 17ly Votted that Every ſurvaer in ſd Town Shall work one Day with their hands upon the new County Rod or pay the money

Worceſtr ſs to Ephriam Kimball Cunſtable for the Town of fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majeſts name you are Requird to warn all the free holders & other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to vot in Town afaiers to meet at the meeting house in ſd Town on the Second Day of novembr next at one of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet and formd to act on the artiles folowing . . . . .

1ly to Chuese a moderator for Goverment of ſd meting

2 to ſee whether the town will Exept of what the Comitte hath Dun in Dignifying the pue Ground or order the ſame Committee to make aney alteration on ſd Day as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3ly to ſee if the Town will Inpower the Commity Choſen by the Town to Dignify the pue Ground or vote aneything Refering thereto . . . . .

4ly to order Every perſon that Draws a pue to pay the money his pue is priſed at to the Town Treaſuror or Give Seeuerety in order to pay mr Boyenton for Glaſing & painting the meeting houſe & to pay out ſd money acording to the Commites orders . . . . .

5ly to See if the Town will Build the Body Seets in the meeting house & Errect a place for the minester to preach in

6ly to See if the Town will Caſe the Windors & ſeale as high as the bottom of the Windors or Give the Committe aney further Inſtructons as they ſhall think proper

7ly to have aney perſon bring in their aCounts that have aney Demands on ſd Town & Rais money for to pay the ſame . . . . . .

8ly to See if the Town will com into aney other methord to warn town meetings for the futter . . . .

9ly to See if the Town will provide ftones for fteps for the meetinghous Dores and to Dige Down the Bank the back fide of the meeting house in order to Keep the Gravel [31] Working Down against the Sels

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there of to fom won of us att or before the Day a bove menchened Given under our hands & feal this thirty firft Day of octobr & in the fixth year of his mjests Reign A D. 1766

Amos Kimball
Thos Cowdin
David Goodridge
} Select men for fitchburgh

fitchburgh Novembr the 6 1766

by Varty of this Warrant I have warned the free holders & inhabitents of this Town Qualified for Voting acording to Law to meet at time and place

Ephm Kimball Cunftable

At a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in Town a fairs at the meeting house in fd Town on the Seventh Day of novenbr the Town being meet . . .

1ly Votted & Chofe mr John Thufton moderator . .

2ly Votted & wold not Exept of what the Comity hath Dun in Dignifying the pue Ground but voted that the Commitey fould make alterations & the Same Commitey that was chofen to Dignefy the pues Ground Went & made an alteration in Dignifying the pue Ground & then the Town votted & Expted of What the Commity hath Don in Dignifying the pue Ground in fd meeting houfe . . . . .

3ly Votted that the Commity that was Chofen to Dignify the pue Ground Shall Give Deeds to those men that have pues in fd meeting house . . . . .

4ly Votted that thofe men that have pues fhall pay the money Down or Give Seeuerety to the Town Treafurer for three months at what their pue Ground was prised at . . . . . .

5ly Votted to areet a place for the minester to preach in

6[ly] Votted that they will cafe the windrs below and feele up to the windors & Leave it to Cap[t] Goodridge Cap[t] Cowdin Eifha fullam which is the Commite . . .

7[ly] Votted & Raifed fix pounds to Defray Town Charges

[32] 8[ly] Votted that the Town meetings fhall be Warned for futter by feting up the warrant fourteen Days before the meetings on a poft near the meting hous

9[ly] Votted James poole Shall Git Steps for the meetinghouse Dowers make the wall the Back fide of the meeting houfe

A True Coppe Errors Exepted

Tho[s] Cowdin Town Clark

A True Coppey Taken off the old Book & Enterd on this Book bgining at page five and Comparrd by us the Subfcribors Chofen by the Town of fitchburgh octobr the 1 1770

Errors Excepted

David Goodridge } Comitte
John White }

[31[2]] march y[e] 2 1767

(feail) Worceftr fs To m[r] Ephriaim Kimball Cunftabl for the Town of fitchburg Greting — — In his majestes Name you are Requred to Warn all the free holders & other Inhabitints of f[d] town qualfied by Law to Vote in town a fairs to a femble and meet att the meting house on the Second Day of march Next att Nine o Clock in the fore Noon then and their being Duly met & formd to act one artels following that is . . . . .

(1) to Chufe a moderator for Goverment of f[d] meting

(2) To Chufe felect men & other town officers . . .

(3) To Except of fuch high Ways as fhall be Laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

4 To to Raise money to mend the high Ways for the year Infuing & to Vote how it fhall be Worked out . .

5 To hear the aCounts of the town treafurer from the Select men

6 To fee if the town will abate fuch Rats as fhall be Laid bfore them from the feveral Conftables . . . .

7 To hear the acounts of any perſons that have Done ſervice for the town & Raiſe money to pay the ſame

8 To ſee if the town will Raise money to provide the town with weights & meaſures or other articles as they ſhall think Neſaſary . . . . .

9 To ſee if the town will Let their hoggs Run at Large this preſent year . . . . .

here of faile not & make Return of this Warrent with your Doings there on to ſume one of Us att or before the time above mentioned Given under our hands & ſeail this twelfe Day of febuery & in the ſeventh year of his maieſties Reign A D 1767 . . . . .

℔ Amos Kimball, Thos Cowdin, David Goodridge } Select men

Worceſtr ſs fitchburg march 2 1767 In obediance to within written warrint I have Notified & warned the fre holders & other Inhabitans to apear att time & place within mentioned to act on the articals within mentioned according to the tennor of the within Inſtrument

Pr Ephraim Kimball Conſtable

at a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings on monday the Second day of march A D 1767 at the meeting houſe in ſ[d] Town

Thos Cowdin Town Clark Voted

[32²] march y[e] 2 1767

1 Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin moderater . . .

2 Voted and Choſe Thomas Cowdin Isaac Gibson Iſsair Witt Select meen

3 Voted and Choſe Thomas Cowdin Town Clark . .

4 Voted and Choſe Thomas Cowdin Town treaſurer

5 Voted and Choſe Iſaac Gibſon Conſtable . . . .

6 Voted and Choſe Cap[t] David Goodridge & John Thurſten Wardins

7 Voted and Choſe Reuben Gibſon ſurvyer for high way . . . . .

8 Voted and Chofe famuel pirce high way furvare

10 Voted and Chofe Jacob puffer high way furvar

11 Voted and Chofe Thomas Hartwell high way furvar . . . . . .

12 Voted and Chofe Joſeph Low high way furvare

13 Voted and Chofen Hezekiah Hodgkin high way furvaer

14 Voted and Chofen Ephraim Ofburn & John White Tithing men

15 Voted and Chofen Caleb Upton & Joſeph Downs Deer Reſes

16 Voted and Chofen phinehas ſteward & Ebnezer Bridge fire Wards . . .

17 Voted and Chofen William ſteward & Caleb Upton and James Gray hog Reſes

18 Voted and Chofen Soloman ſteward furvare of Clabord and ſhingels . . . . . Clabords and ſhingels

19 Voted and Chofen Jonathan Wood furveyer of hoops and ſtaves . . . . . hoops and ſtaves

20 Voted and Chofe William Thurlo Seler of Lether

21 Voted and Chofe Joſeph ſpafford and phinehas ſteward fence Vewers

22 Voted and Chofen moſes Thurlo furvar of . . Wheat

23 Voted and Chofe Nicholas Danford and John Buſs field Drivers

24 Voted that the furveyes be Collectors for the year Inſuing of the high way taxes . . . . .

25 Voted and Excepted a Rode from John Whites to William Thurlos houſe and Given . . . . .

26 Voted and Excepted a Rode from the County Rode to North River bridge and Given . . . .

27 Voted and Raiſd ſixty pounds for high Ways £60

[33] 28 Voted that ſ^d^ money ſhall be Left to the Discreton of the Select men . . . . .

29 Voted and a bated the Rats of William Hodgkins on the a Count of Joſhua prieſt . . . . . 13/6 paid

30 Voted to a bate ſamuel Hodgkins Rates on a Count of the meting houſe . . . . . 13/ paid

31 Voted to a bate the Rats of Timothy farley £1 . 3 . 0 paid

32 Voted and a bated the Rats of Daniel merrall 5/ paid

33 Voted and a bated the Rats of Thomas Dutton 15/ paid

34 Voted and a bated Thos Duttons Rates in Ephraim Kimball List . . . . . 7/6 paid

35 Voted to a Low Capt David Goodridge 10/ paid

36 Voted to a Low Jonathan Wood for fevices Dun the town . . . . . 12/ paid

37 Voted to a Low Deacon Kimball for ferves Dun for this town . . . . . £5—19—6 paid

38 Voted to a Low Decon Kimball for Serves Dun this town . . . . . 10/ paid

39 Voted to a Low Ephraram Kimball for Serves Dun this town . . . . . 10/ paid

40 Voted to a Low Decon Kimball 6/ pur Week for bordarding the mineftrs til the time a Greed upon is Expired for mr anger to preach . . .

41 Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large the year Infuing being Lawfully yoked & Ring . . . . .

The meting Difolved

attest Thos Cowden Moderator

fitchburg June 1st 1766

We have Laid out a tow Rode Roade begining at ye County Roade and Runing btwen Elphle mace and Land in pofsefsion of Thomas Cowdin and fo Running be tween mace and Cowdin until it Coms to ye botom of ye falling Ground and then Runs through f^{d} Cowdins Land by markt trees on the Efterdly fide of the Roade til it Coms to Land of m^{r} Mofes Thurlos and fow to ye River Wheir it Was Laid out the year befor by ye felect mens order

and the Land Given by Amos Kimball } Select
Thomas Cowdin . . Thomas Cowdin } men

[34] fitchburg february ye 26 1767

We the Select men herby order m^{r} John Thufton and m^{r} John White and m^{r} Nicolas Danford to Lay out a Road tow Rods Wide from William Thurlos houfe a Croas

mr Danfords and mr Thuſtens Land to the Road that Leds to mr Iſaac Gibsons houſe and from that Road to mr John Whites houſe for Which this ſhall be your Sufi-cant order

Pr Amos Kimball } ſelect
Thomas Cowdin } men

fitchburg february 28th 1767

In obedeance to the Within Written order we have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at William Thurlos at a Cheſnut Tree and Runing from thence threw Land of Nicholas Danforth to Land of John Thirſten and moſes Thurlo and from thence to the Road that Goes to Iſaac Gibſons and from that Road bgining at a Cheſnut tree at the Eaſt of that ſtrait to ye houſe of John White

and the Land Given by William Thurlo & John Thirſten & Nicholas Daforth and moſes Thurlo and John White } Pr John Thirſton, John White, Nicholas Danforth

Worcester ſs Fitchburgh March 2d 1767

Captain Thomas Cowden being by the Town of Fitchburgh at their Annual Meeting on this Day Choſen to the office of Town Clark Took the Oath by Law Required to Enable him to Act as Such Attest

Town Clerk

Worcester ſs March 2d 1767

The Several perſons Choſen to the Several offices in this Town at the Anual Meeting of this day of whom an oath by Law is Required Appeared And Took the oaths Required by Law for them to Take to Enable them to Execute their Various offices: Except the Town Treaſurer and Tything men

attest Thos Cowdin Town Clark

march ye 9 Thomas Cowdin perenaly a peard before me and tuck the oath of a Town treaſurer

℔ Thos Wilder Juſtice of peace

[35] Worceſtr ſs

(Seal) To mr Isaac Gibson Cunſtable for ye Town of Fitchburg Greting . . . . .

In his majestes name you are Required to Warne all ye freeholders & other Inhabitents of ſd Town qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to aſemble & meet att ye meetinghouse on ye twenty Seventh Day of this Inſtant march att one o Clock in ye after noon then & their being Duely mett & formd to act on ye artiales folowing that is . . . . . .

1 To Chuſe a moderater for Goverment of ſd meeting

2 To ſee What method ye Town Will Come into to provide preaching for ye futture & Give ye Committy Choſe to provide preaching any further Inſtructions as they ſhall think proper

Hear off fail Not and make Return of this Warrant With your Doings their on to ſome one of us the ſubſcribers att or before ye time above mentioned Given under our hands & ſeals this thirteenth Day of march & in ye ſeventh year of his mjeſties Reighn A D 1767 . . . .

Thomas Cowdin } Select
Isaac Gibſon } men
Iſaiah Witt }

Worceſtr ſs Fitchburg march ye 27 1767

In obediance to ye Within Written Warrant I have Notefied & Waned ye free holders & other Inhabitants to a pear att time & place within menſhoned to act on ye articals with in mentioned a Cording to ye tenor of ye Within Iſtrument

Ꝑ Isaac Gibſon Cunſtable

1 Voted & Choſe Capt David Gooridge moderater of ſd meting

2 Voted to Not to act on ye ſecond article in ye Warrent

ye meting Diſolved . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[36] Worceſter ſs

(ſeal) To mr Isaac Gibson Cunſtable for the town of fitchburg Greting

In his majests name you are Requierd to Warn all the fre holdrs and other inhabitents of ſd town qualified by Law to Vote in town a faers to a Sembl and met at the meting houſe on mondy the Eleventh Day of may next at two O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the artcls folwing that is

1 To Chuef a moderater for Goverment of Sd meting

2 To See Whether the town will a point a Day of fasting and prayer in order to ask Divine a Sistance in Giveing Som Gentelman a Call to Setle in the Goſpel minestry in this town . . . . . .

3 To Vote What mineſtrs the town will a ply unto to Carey on the Work of the Day . . . . .

4 To Chuef a Comite to a ply to those Gentelman that the town Shall See Cause to Chues . . . . . .

here of faile not and make Return of this Warrent With your Dowings their on to fum one of us the ſubscribrs at or befor the time a bove mentned Given under our hands and ſeal this twenty ſecond Day of april and in the ſeventh year of his majeſt Reighn A D 1767

Thos Cowdin } Select
Isaac Gibson } men
Isaiah Witt }

Worester ſs fitchburg may 11th 1767

in obediane to the Within Warent I have Notefid and Warnd the free holders and other Inhabitents to a pear at time and place With in mentned to act on the artcls With in mentned a Coring to the tenor of ye With inſtrement

Isaac Gibson Cuntble

at a Leguel meting of the fre holders and other inhabetn of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote in town metings on mondy the Eleventh Day of may A D 1767 at the metin house in ſd town

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[37] 1 Voted and Chofe Decon amos Kimall moderater . . . . .

2 Voted to a point thurfdy the 21 Day of may to be Set a part for a Day of fafting and prayer in this town

3 Voted to a ply to the Revrent m^r herington m^r millens m^r Winchefter adams & m^r Gardner to Carey on the Work of the Day . . . .

5 this meting Difolvd . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

Worcefter fs

(feale) To mr Isaac Gibson Cunftabl for the town of fitchburg Greting——In his majests name you are Reqierd to Warn all the free holders and other Inhabitents qualified by Law to Vote in town a faers to a Semble and meet at the meting houfe on mondy the Eleventh Day of this Inftent may at five O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the artels folowing . . . . . .

here of fale not and make Return of this Warrent With your Dowings there on to fum one of us at the time and place a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seals this Eleventh Day of may and in the feventh year of his majests Reighn A D 1767

p^r Thos Cowdin Isaac Gibson Isaiah Witt Select men

Worcefter fs fitchburg may 11th 1767

In obediants to the Within Warent I have notified and warnd the fre holders and other inhabitents to a pear at time & place Within mentned to act on the artels Within mentned acording to tenor of the Within Instruement

p^r Isaac Gibson Cunftabl

at a Legol meting of the fre holders and other inhabetents of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote in town metings on mondy the Eleventh Day of may A D 1767 at the meting houfe in f^d^ town

1 Voted and Chose Decon amos Kimball moderater

2 Voted to Build the pulpet as ſune as the ſtufe Can be provided . . . . .

3 Voted to order the Commite to a Gree with ſom workman to bueld the pulpet . . . . .

4 Voted to purtches an acor of Land Lying on the north ſid of the meting house for a buering yard . . .

5 the meting Disolved . . . .

[38] Worceſtr ſs

(ſeal) To Iaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of fitchburg Greting

Iin his mjeſtes name you are Requird to Warn all the fre holders and other Inhabitents qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to a Semble and meet at the meting-house on mondy the first Day of June next at two of the Clock in the after noune then and their being Duly met and formd to act on the artels folowing . . . .

1 to Chuse a moderater for Goverment of ſ^d^ meting

2 to See if the town Will a Loue Every freeholder to be a Voter in the Choice of a mineſter or Vote aney thing Refering ther to as they ſhall think proper . . . . .

3 to ſee if the town Will Vote to Call Some proper perſon to Settle in the Goſpel miniſtrey in ſ^d^ town and proced to a Choise . . . . . .

4 to Vote ſum fuetible ſum of money to be paid ſuch person ſo Choſen to Encorage and Enable him to ſettel in ye miniſtry in ſ^d^ town and Likewise What ſum of money they Will aneuely pay him as his ſalery . . . .

5 artele was not acted upon . . . .

6 to Cuſe a Comite for that purpus or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they ſhall think proper . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this Warrant to ſum one of us the ſubscribers at or befor the Day a bove mentined Given under our hand and ſeale this ſix-tenth Day of may and in the ſeventh year of his majestes Reighn A D 1767

Isaa Gibson ⎫ Select
Isaiah Witt ⎭ men

Worceſtr ſs fitchburg June 1tt 1767

In obediants to the Within Written Warent I have notified and Warnd the free holders and other Iinhabitants to a pear at time and place Within mentned acording to the tenor of the Within Inſtrement

℈ Isaac Gibſon Cunſtable

At a Legal meting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg aſsembled June 1tt 1767

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Voted and Choſe Capt David Goodridge moderator . . . . .

2ly Voted that Every freholder be a votter in Chusing of a minestr

3ly Voted and Choſe mr Samuel Ainger to Settle in the Work of the Goſpel miniſtry in this Town . . . .

4ly Voted to give mr Samuel Ainger one Hundred and thirty three pounds Six Shilings and Eight pence as a Settlement [39] to Encourage him to Settle With us in the Work of the miniſtry and for his Support and maintaince ſo Long as he Shall Continue our miniſter provided he Shall Settle among us that is the one half ſ to be paid in one year after his ordination the other half in two years after his ordination . . . . .

5ly Voted to pay mr Samuel Ainger as his yearly Salary Sixty pounds untill there ſhall be ſixty families ſettled in Town after that to pay him annualy ſixty ſix pounds thirten ſhilings and four pence

6ly Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin and mr John Thuſten and mr John White a Comite to waite upon mr Samuel ainger to Suply the pulpet til he Gives his answer . .

The meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

5ly Voted to pay mr Samuel Ainger as his yearly Salary Sixty pounds untill there ſhall be ſixty families ſettled in Town after that to pay him annualy ſixty ſix pounds thirten ſhilings and four pence

6ly Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin and mr John Thuſ-

ten and mr John White a Comite to waite upon mr Samuel ainger to Suply the pulpet til he Gives his answer . . .

The meting Disolvd . . . . .

Thos Cowdin town Clark

Septembr ye 6 1767

mr Samuel anger answerd his Call from the Town of fitchburg on the Negetive . . . . .

(seal) Worceftr fs To Isaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of fitchburg Greting . . . . .

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualefied by Law to vote in town afaers to asemble and meet at the meting house on thurfdy the twenty fourth Day of this Inftant Septr at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duly met and form to act on the artels following . . .

1^ly^ to Chufe a moderater for Goverment of f^d^ meting

2^ly^ to fee if the town Will Give m^r^ John payson or aney other Gentleman a Call to Setle in the Gosple ministry in this town and vote a futable Sum for his Settelment and Sallery . . . . .

or 3^ly^ to See What method the town will Come into for to Supply the pulpet for the futter and vote aney thing Refering their to as they Shall think proper

4ly to Chuse a Commite to Suplie the pulpet for the futer or fo Longe as the town fhall think proper . . .

5^ly^ to Se Whether the town Will Rase aney fum of money to pay for preching for the futter

6^ly^ to Se if the town Will Rase aney fum of money to provide a School or Schools and to Chuse a Commite to provide a marster or marsters . . . .

[40] Here of faile not and make Return of this Warrant to Sum one of us the Subscribrs at or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this tenth Day of Septr A D 1767

Thos Cowdin } Select
Isaac Gibson } meen for
Isaiah Witt } fitchburgh

MRS. HANNAH COWDIN.

Worceſter ſs fitchburg Septr 23th 1767

in obedeance to the Within Written Warrant I have notified & Warned the fre holders & other Inhabitants to apear at time & place within mentond to act on the artels Within mentoned acording to the tennor of the Within Instrument

Isaac Gibson Cunstable

at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of fitchburg aſembled Septr the 24 1767 . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Voted and Chose Decon amos Kimball moderater

2ly Voted to Give mr John Payson a Call . . . .

3ly Voted to give mr John Payson one Hundred and thirty three poundes Six Shillings and Eight pence as a Settlement to Encourage him to Settle With us in the Work of the Gospel miniſtry and for his Support & maintainance ſo long as he Shall Continue our miniſter) provided he Shall Settle among us) the one half to be paid in one year after his ordination other half in two years after his ordination . . . . .

4ly Voted to pay mr John Payson (as his yearly Salary) ſixty punds untill their ſhall be ſixty families Settled in Town after that to pay him annualy ſixty ſix pounds Thirteen ſhillings and four pence

5ly Voted and Choſe mr John Thusten Thos Cowdin and John White be a Commite to Waite upon mr John Payson With the towns Call to Suply the pulpet till he Shall Give his answer . . . . .

6ly Voted to Dismis the ſixth artel . . . . .

7ly the meting Diſolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

Worceſtr ſs To mr Isaac Gibson Cunſtable for the town of fitchburgh Greting

(ſeal) In his majests name you are Requird to Warne all ye free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to aſemble and meet at the meting house on mondy the

twenty third Day of this Inſtent Novembr at twelve O Clock then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the artcls ſolowing . . . . .

1 to Chues a moderater for Goverment of ſd meting

2 to ſee if the town Will Rafe aney ſum of money to Defray town Charges or to pay aney Deets all Redy Contracted by the town

[41] Novembr the 23 1767

3 to See Whether method the town Will Com into to provid a ſcoole or or ſcools the year Inſuing or vote aney thing Refering their too

4 to See if the town Will Do aney thing further towards finiſhing the meting houſe the year Inſuing . .

5 to See if the town Will abate Joſhua Pools Rats in the year 1766 . . . . .

Here of fale not & make Returne of this Warrent With your Dowings there on to Sum Wone of us the Subscribr at on or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hand and ſeel this Ninth Day of Novembr and in the Eighth year of his majests Reighn A D 1767 fitchburgh November the 9 1767

Thos Cowdin ⎫ Select meen
Isaac Gibſon ⎭ for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs In obediants to the Within Written Warrent I have Notified and Warned the free holders & other Inhabitents to a peare at time and place Within mentned to act on the artcls Within mentned acording to the tenor of the Within Inſtrument . . . . . .

Fitchburgh November the 23 1767

Iſaac Gibson Cunſtable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitents of town of fitchburgh aſembled Novembr the 23 1767

1ly Coſe Capt David Goodridge moderater . . . .

2ly Voted to Rafe thirty pounds to pay for preaching

3ly Voted to Raſe fifty five pounds to pay mr Baldwine and to pay other town Charges . . . . .

4ly Voted to Rase Eight pounds to provide a Scool or Scools . . . . . .

5ly Voted & Chofe Capt David Goodridge Decon amos Kimball and John thufton be a Comite to provide a Scool or Scools . . . . .

6ly Voted and Reconfidred the fcool money being Laid out in two placef in town . . . . . .

7ly Voted that three quarters of the money be laid out in two places the other quarter be Laid out in two parts that is mr fullams Corner & mr hartwells Corner . . .

8ly Voted to Rais thirteen pounds fix fhilings and Eight pence to laid out in bulding the ftares up the Galerys and Laing the Galery flooers and buelding the breft work Round the Galerys . . . . .

[42] 9ly Voted not to abate mr Jofhua pools Rats in the year 1766

the meting Disolvd . . . . .

(Seele) Worceftr fs To mr Ifaac Gibfon Cunftable for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . .

In his majeftes name you are Requird to Warn all the fre holders and other Inhabitents qualified by Law to vote in town afaers to afemble & meet at the meting house on mondy the twenty third Day of this Inftint Novembr at four O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely afembled to act on the artcls folowing . .

1 to Chues a moderater for Goverment of fd meting

2 to See if the town Will make aney additon to mr John Paysons Salery in Regard to finding him his Wood or vote aney thing Refering there to as they fhall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile not and make Due Return of this Warent With your Dowings to fum one of us at or befor the time above mentned Given under our hands and feele at fitchburgh this twenty first Day of Novembr & in the Eighth year of his majeftes Reign A D 1767

Thos Cowdin
Ifaac Gibson
Ifaiah Witt
} Select meen for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs In obediance to the Within Written Warent I her by Notifie and Warn the free holders & other Inhabitents to a pear at time and place Within menſhned to act on the artels Within mentned acording to the tenor of ye within Inſtrement fitchburgh Novemer the 23 1767

Iſaac Gibson Cunſtable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh aſembld Novembr the 23 1767

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1^ly Voted and Choſe Capt David Goodridge moderater . . . . . .

2^ly Voted to find m^r John Payson his Wood aneuely that is from year to year ſo Long as he ſhall Contnu our mineſtr that is find and provide thirty Cords of Wood a Greabl to his Request ſent to the town under his hand Dated Novembr the 23 1767

the meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[43] Decembr the 16 1767

Novembr the 30 1767

mr John Payſon Gave his anſwer in the affermitive and Axepted of the towns Call to Settle in the Work of the Goſpel miniſtry in this town

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

(ſeale) Worceſtr ſs To mr Isaac Gibſon Cunſtable for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majeſts name you are Requird to Warn all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh qualefid by law to Vote in town afaers to aſemble and meet at the meting houſe on Wenſdy the ſixtenth Day of this Inſtent Decembr at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the artels folowing . . . . .

1 to Chuſe a moderater for Goverment of ſ^d meting

2 to See What method the town Will Come Into in Regard to aponitng a Day to ordain m^r John payſon or

vote aney thing Referring there to as they ſhall think proper . . . . .

3 to have thoſe perſons that have aney Demands on the town to bring in their a Compts in order for a settlment . . . . . .

4 to See if the town Will Give back the Deed of the acre of Land Deeded to the town for a Buering yard by Thos Cowdin

Here off fail not and make Returne of this Warrent With your Dowings their on to Sum Won of us the Subſcribrs at or before the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seal this Second Day of Decembr and in the Eight year of his mjeſts Reighn A D 1767

fitchburgh Decr the 2 1767 Thos Cowdin } ſelect meen
Iſaac Gibſon } for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs Fitchburgh Decr the 16 1767 . . . .

In obediance to the Within Written Warrent I have Notified & Warned the free holders and other Inhabitance to apear at time and place Within mentioned to act on the artikles Within mentioned acording to the tenor of the Within Inſtrument

Iſaac Gibſon Cunſtable

[44] at a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburg aſembled Decembr the 16 1767

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^{ly} . . . voted and Choſe Liut Ruben Gibſon moderater

2^{ly} . . . voted and apointed the Wenſdy the 27 Day of Janeuery 1768 to ordain m^{r} John payson . . . .

3^{ly} . . . voted to Send for Church of Walpole & actown & Chelse . . . . .

4^{ly} . . . voted to Send for the two Churches in of Lanceſtr and the Church of Luninburgh & the first Church of Leominſtr and the Church of Weſminſter and the Church of Shirley

5^{ly} . . . voted that Capt David Goodridg Decon amos Kimball & John Thuſten be a Comite to notefie the

Churches Sent for to afsift in the ordenation of m^r John payson . . . . .

6^ly . . . voted that Decon Kimball & Ephriam ſthe Decons Kimball provide for & Entertain the Counſel ⌇ aloud at the ordenation of mr John payſon & that the town pay five Dolers to Decon Kimball and five Dolers to Ephriam Kimball for that Serves paid Eph^m Kimball his five Dolers . . . . . 1 10 paid

7^ly . . . voted to alow Thos Cowdin his a Count Which is . . . . . £2 s2 d6 paid

and also to alow Iſaac Gibſon his acont Which is . . . . . 0 16 0 paid

9^ly . . . voted to and alow Decon amos Kimball his acount Which is . . . . . 2 15 0 paid

10^ly . . . voted and Gave back the Deed of the acre of Land Deded to the town by Thos Cowden for a buering yard

the meting Diſolvd . . . . .

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1768 march the 7 the anual meting att fitchburgh

(ſeal) Worceſtr ſs To mr Iſaac Gibſon Cunſtable for the town fitchburgh Greting . . . . . .

In His majeſts name you are Requird to Warn all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the town qualified by Law to vote in town afaers to aſemble and meet at the meting house on mondy the ſeventh Day of march next at Nine O Clock in the four noon then and their being Duely meet & formd to act on the artels folowing

1 to Chueſe a moderater for Goverment of f^d meting

2 to Chueſe Select meen and other town oficers . .

3 to Exept of Such town Roads as Shall be Laid out by Select men or their order . . . . .

4 to Raeſe money to mend the high Ways & vote aney thing Referring there to as they ſhall think proper

5 to heare the a Counts of thoſe that have Dun Serves for the town & to Raſe money for to Defray tow Charges

[45] march y^e

6 to ſee the town Will abate ſuch Rats as ſhall be

Laid befor town from the ſeveral Cunſtables or aney other Perſons

7 to heare the a Counts of the town treſhror from the Select meen

8 to ſee if the town Will Raſe money to provide the town With Waits and meſhors or aney other town artels as the town ſhall think proper . . . . .

9 to ſee if the town Will Let the Swine Run at Large year Inſuing . . . . .

10 to See What method the town Will take to provide a ſuport for m^rs^ Harts maintanance and vote aney thing Refering thir to as they ſhall think proper . . .

Here off faile not and make Return of this Warent With your Dowings there on to ſum one of us the Subſcribers at on or before the Day a bove mentſhned Given under our hand and Seal this nintenth Day of febuery and in the Eighth year of his majefts Reighn A D 1768

Thos Cowdin
Iſaac Gibſon } Select meen for fitchburgh
Iſaiah Witt

Worceſtr ſs march the 7 1768

In obeidance to the Within Ritten Warent I have Notified & War the free holderſ & other inhabitents to apear at time and place Within menſhned to act On the artels Within menchned acording to the tenor of the Within Inſtrement

Iſaac Gibſon Cunſtable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh aſembled on march the 7 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^ly^ Coſe Decon amos Kimball moderater . . . .

2^ly^ Choſe Thos Cowdin Decon Kimball & Iſaac Gibſon Select meen . . . . .

3^ly^ Choſe Thos Cowdin town Clark . . . .

4^ly^ Choſe Thos Cowdin town treſhror . . . . .

5^ly^ Choſe Thos Cowdin Cunſtable . . . . .

6[ly] Exepted Ebenezer Bridge to Serve Cunftable in f[d] Cowdins Rume . . . . .

[46] 7[ly] Choſe Jonathan Wood & Caled Upton Wardens . . . . . Wardens

8[ly] Choſe Eliſha fullam Phinehas Steward Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer Bridge James Gray high Way Colectors . . . . . high Way Colectors

9[ly] Choſe Phinehas Steward Eliſha fullam tithin meen . . . . . tithin meen

10[ly] Choſe Ephriam Smith Edward Scott Dear Reves . . . . . Deer Reves

11[ly] Choſe John Buſs max Jewet fier Wards . fier Ward

12[ly] Choſe William Thurlo Nehemiah fuller Eliphlet mace hog Reves . . . . . hog Reves

13[ly] Choſe Soloman Steward Survare of Clabords and Shingels . . . . . Clabords & Shingels

14[ly] Choſe Jonathan Wood Svaer of hups & Staves . . . . . hups & Staves

15[ly] Choſe William Thurlo Seler of Lether . . . Seler of Lether

16[ly] Choſe Eph[m] Kimball Nehemiah fuller fence Vewers . . . . . fence vers

17[ly] Choſe Charls Willard Iſaac Gibſon field Drivers . . . . . field Drivers

18[ly] Choſe Cap[t] David Goodridge a Colector to Colect the Land tax Granted by the Grat and Generol Corte on the Non Reſadent propriotrs Land Lying in the town of fitchburg that is one half peny pur acre . . . Colector of the Land tax

19[ly] Exepted the Road Laid out from mr Thos Palmors Land if Given to the old Road

20 artele not Exepted

21[ly] exepted of the Road that Leds from the End of the old Road Runing by m[r] Thos Harriſes to Kilpatricks Land and through Kilpatricks Land & through thos Harrises Land to Joseph Downes Land and through f[d] Land of Joſeph Downs til it Coms to [47] Land of m[r] francis fullam or Timothy fullams Land if Given by the owners of the Land . . . .

22ly Exepted of a Road from John Buſs hous through fd Buſs Land to Land of mr hotten and mr Goodridges and mr Olivers if Given by the oner of the Land . . .

23ly Exepted of the Road beginings at moſes thurlos Line betwen moſes Land and William thurlows Runing by moſes hous & barn to the north Ent of fd thurlos Wal through moſes thurlos paster one Rodd and an half til it Coms to mr hobys Land and then two Rods Wide til it Coms to the old Road nere James Grays house and markt the trees on the Weſderdly ſide of fd Exepted if Given by the oners of the Land

24ly Exepted of a Road through Edward Scotts Land two Rods Wide from the old Road through Comon Land til it Coms to Land of Phinehas Hartw and through fd hartwells Land til it Coms to Land of Caled uptons and through Caled uptons Land til it Coms to Land of Ephriham Smiths and through fd Smiths Land til it Coms to the County Rod and markt the tres on the ſouth ſid of fd Road and Exepted by the town Given by the oners of the Land . . . . .

25ly Exepted of a Road two Rods Wide begining at ſots old Road By a ſmall Chesnot ſtand Runing South through mr Ebr Bridges Land and through his fathers Land and through mr Browns Land and through mr olivers Land and through mr Joſeph Lows Land til Coms to Land of Thos Cowdins then turning West over punch Brook ſow Cald then Runing on mr olivers Land betwen fd Cowdins Land and mr olivers til it Coms to the old County Road near the Bridge above the mil pond and Exepted by the town if Given by the oners of the Land

26ly Voted to Elow of the alteration made by mr Kindal Boutal in turing the Rod near his hous and Axepted by the town

27ly Voted to Raſe ſixty pounds to mend ye high Ways this preſent year and to Work it out as the Custom of the town hath bin that is Every ſevaer one Day With his hands on the County Road & on the ſpot to aLow /4d pur ouer for a man that Works £60

28ly Voted and ordrd the ſurvaers of high Way for the year 1767 Work out the Remain of their high Way

Rats by the Laft of June 1768 or Colect and pay the money to the town trefhror £ s d

[48] 29ly Voted to alow mofes thurlo for Plank 9 4 paid

30ly Voted to alow Deon John Thuften for Bording mr alden and Keping his hors . . . . . 1 10 0 paid

31ly Voted to a Low Ephriham Kimball for Keping the Revrant mr Payfons hors . . . . . 0 9 8 paid

32ly Voted to aLow Deon amos Kimball for Bording the Revrent mr Payfon and Keping his hors . 4 3 0 paid

33ly Voted to alow famuel Hodgkins for fawing plank for abridge . . . . . 0 4 10 paid

34ly Voted to abate Samuel Hodgkins his Rats in Ephm Kimballs List . . . . . 0 9 8 paid

also Thos Palmors Rats in Kimballs List 0 13 10 paid

35ly Voted to Axept of the town trefhrors acounts from the felect meen

36ly Voted to Let the fwine Run at Large the prefent year

37ly Voted to pay mr Witt for Bording mrs Hart Wone Whole year four Pounds & fow in proporton by the Weke in Cafe fhe fhould not Live til the year is Expird 4 00 0 paid

The meting Defolvd

the Sevral Town oficers tuk the oaths Reqird by Law

Thos Cowdin town Clark

fitchburgh febuery the 5 1768

We have Laid out a two Road begining at ye Weftrdly Line of Ebenezer Bridges Land through Edward Scotts Land then through Comon Land til it Coms to Phinehas Hartwells Land & through fd Hartwells Land til it Coms to Land of Caleb Uptons & through fd Uptons Land til it Coms to Land of Ephriam Smith and through fd fmiths Land til it Coms to the County Rode betwen Caleb Uptons & Ephriams Smiths and markt treefe on the foutherdly fide of the Rode and Exepted by the town Given by the oner of the Land

Thos Cowdin, Ifaac Gibfon, Ifaiah Witt } Select men for fitchburgh

[49] fitchburgh febuery ye 9 1768

We have Laid a two Rode Roade begininge at the old Rode Where it Enters Edward Scotts Land at a fmall Chefnot tree Runing fouth upon Land of Ebenezer Bridges then through m^r^ John Bridges Land of Lexenton then throu Land of m^r^ Jofeph Lows then through mr Olivers Land of Salom til it Coms to Land of Thos Cowdins then turns Weftrdly over punch Brook then Runs upon f^d^ olivers Land Joyning to f^d^ Cowdins Land til it Coms to the County Road near the Bridge & markt tres on the Efterdly fide of the Rode and Exepted by the town if Given by the oner of the Land

Ifaac Gibfon, Ifaiah Witt } Select men for fitchburgh

fitchburgh febuery the 6. 1768

We have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at the town Line betwen Thos Palmers Land and the town Line through Comon Land to the old Rod Runing North & markt trees on the Efterdly fide of f^d^ Road . . . .

then Begining at Jofiah Colledges frame Runing a north point on Land Belongin to f^d^ Colledges or Elifha fullams til it Coms to Land of francis fullams and markt the tres on the Eftrdly fide of f^d^ Road and Exepted by the town if Given by the oners of the Land . . . . .

alfo a two Rode Road from ye Ende of the town Road by mr Thos Harrifes through Samuel Kilpatricks Land til it Coms to Land of Thos Harrifes fow through f^d^ Harrifes Land til it Coms to Land of Jofeph Downes Land and fow through f^d^ Downes Land til it Coms to Land of francis fullums or Timothy fulloms and markt the trees on ye foutherdly fide of f^d^ Rode and Exepted by the town if Given by the owners of the Land . . . .

alfo a two Rode Road Beginining at John Bufses hous through f^d^ Bufs is Land til it Coms to Land of mr Elezer Hottons fow through f^d^ Hottons Land til it Coms to Land of Jofhua Goodridges til it Coms to Land of mr olivers fow through mr olivers Land til it Coms to the town Rode Leding from Ep^h^ OZburns to the metinghous

and markt tres on the fouth fide of f[d] Rode Exepted by the town if Given by the owners of the Land . . . .

[50] alfo a two Rode Roade from mofes thurlos Line btwen William Thurlos Land and mofes thurlos by mofes thurlos houſe and barn til it Coms to the north End of f[d] mofes thurlos Wall through f[d] mofes pafter one Rod and a half til it Coms to mr Hobys Land and then two Roads through f[d] hobys Land til it Coms to the old Road Near James Grays hous and markt the tres on the Wefterdly fid of f[d] Rod and Expted by the town if Given by the oners of the Land

Thos Cowdin, Ifaac Gibfon, Ifaiah Witt } Seleet meen for fitchburgh

may the 23 1768

(fele) Worceftr fs To m[r] Ebenezer Bridge Cunftable for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . . .

In his majefts name you are Requird to Warn all the fre holders & other inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to afemble and meet at the metinghous house on mondy the twenty third Day of this inftant may at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and fomd to act on the artels folowing . . . . . .

1 to Chuefe a moderater for Goverment of f[d] meting

2[ly] to See What method the town Will take to anfuer the Gineral Coarts Requeft in Joyning With the town of Lanceftor to have one Supearer Coart & two Coarts of the quarter Sesons held their and Vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper . . . . .

3[ly] to fee Whether the town Will build the bridge new over the River near frenches or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper . . . . .

4ly by a Request from the pue Commitey—that is to fee if the town Will Confider Edward Scott upon acount of a pue he Claims in the metinghouse or defend the Commity from aney Deficalty that may arife or do aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper . . .

here off faile not and make Return of this Warrent to fum won of us With your dowings their on at or before

the time above mentned Given under our hands and feal this ninth day of may and in the Eighth year of his majests Reighn A D 1768

Thos Cowdin
Amos Kimball
Isaac Gibson
} Select meen for fitchburgh

[51] In obediance to the Within Warrant I have Warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh that are qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to aſemble and meet at the time and place to act on the above mentned artcls in this warrent

fitchburgh may the 23 1768

Ebenezr Bridge Cunſtable

At a Legal meting of the free holdars and other inhabitants of ye town of fitchburgh asembld may the 23 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Choſe Dcon Kimball moderator . . . . .

2ly Choſe Thos Cowdin John White & Decon John Thuſten be a Comite to anſwer the Gineral Coarts Request in a Count of their Request for having one Superior Coart and two Coarts of Coman pleas held at Lanceſtr

3ly Voted to builde the bridge over the River by frenches by the towns Genirofite . . . . .

4ly Voted and agreed upon by the two partes on acount of the pue in Contest ond by Phinehas Steward Which pue Edward Scott Claims is Given up by fd ſteward to fd Scott upon Condition that fd Scott pays thirty Shilings and pays also What money the towns Comite Dignefied the pue Grownd at to ſaid ſteward & further more both partys that is fd Edward Scott and fd phinehas Steward Each of them agred and actualy ſined the towns Vote both of them never to make aney un Eaſinefs further about fd pue if the money be paid by fd ſcott in one Weke from this Day being the 23 Day of may 1768

Edward Scott
phinehas Steward

a true Cope of the towns Vote
the meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

Septembr ye 19 1768

Worceſtr ſs

(ſeal) To mr Ebenezer Bridge Cunſtable for the town of ſitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majeſts name you are Requird to Warn all the free holders & other inhabitents of the town of ſitchburgh qualified by law to Vote in town afaers to aſemble & meet at the meting houſe on mondy ye nintenth Day of Sepembr next at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the arteels folowing . . . . .

1^ly^ to Chuſe a moderater for Goverment of f^d^ meting

[52] 2^ly^ to ſee if the town Will Raſe money to pay the Reverent m^r^ payſon the one half of his Setelment acording to the towns vote . . . .

3^ly^ to ſee if the town Will Raſe money to pay Revrent m^r^ payſons ſalery from his ordenation for one year . . .

4^ly^ to ſee if the town Will Raſe money to ſuport a Scool or Scools or vote aney thing Refering their to as they ſhall think proper . . . . .

5^ly^ to ſee if the town Will Raſe money to pay for buelding the pulpet or vote aney thing Refering their to as they ſhall think proper . . . .

6^ly^ to See if the town Will Search into the Setelment of the Eſtate of Samuel hart Deſest and to ſee if the Widos thirds are not alowd to her by the Judge or bonds taken for the incomb of hir thirds . . . . .

7^ly^ to ſee if the town Will alow thoſe perſons Who have or ſhall Work out moer then their high Way Rats this preſent year in the next years high Way Rats . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this Warent With your Dowings their on to ſume Wone of us the ſubſcribrs at on or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hand & Seal this 29 Day of auguſt & in the Eighth year of his majeſts Reign A D 1768

Thos Cowdin, Amos Kimball, Iſaac Gibſon } Select meen for ſitchburgh

In obedance to the Within Warent I have Warnd all the free holders & other inhabitents qualified by Law to

vote in town afaers to aſemble and meet at the time & place Within mentned

fitchburgh Septembr ye 19 1768

Ebenezer Bridge Cunſtable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh aſembled on Septembr the 19 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^ly^ Choſe Decon Amoſ Kimball moderater . . . .

2^ly^ Votd to Raſe ſixty ſix pounds thirten ſhilings & four pence to pay mr John paſon the one half of his Setelment acording to the vote of the town ſot forth in his Call £66 13 4

[53] 3^ly^ voted to Rais ſixty pounds to pay the Reverent mr John payſon his ſalery for the firſt years ſalery £60 00 0

4^ly^ voted to Rais Eight pounds to provid ſcooling for the year in ſuing and to Lay out three quarters in two places the other quarter to be Laid out in mr Eliſha fullams Corner and mr phinehas Hartwells Corner . 8 00 0

5^ly^ voted that moſes Thurlo Kindal Boutwal & Nehemiah fuller be a Comite to provid a ſcool maſter and a place or places Convenent to Keep f^d^ ſchool . . . .

6^ly^ voted to Raſe twenty three pounds ſix ſhilings and Eight penc to pay for Buelding the pulpt in the meting house 23 6 8

7^ly^ voted to ſarch in to ſetelment of the Eſtate of Samuel Harte Eſtate Deſest and that Thos Cowdin or Decon Kimball be apointed to ſarch into the Setelment of f^d^ Eſtate to ſee if the Widos thirds are not ſecurd to her or bonds taken for the inconb of f^d^ thirds for maintainane of f^d^ Wido . . . . .

8^ly^ voted to alowe the high Way ſevaers to Work out What they think neſesery over and above the taxes this preſent year and that they ſhall be alowd the next year out of their high Way Rats . . . .

the meting Diſolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

Worster: ſs . . . . September ye 19th 1768 . . .

To m^r^: Ebenezer Bridge Cunſtable for the town of Fitchburgh Greeting: In his majeſtyes Name you are Required to Warn all the Free-Holders and others: Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualefide By Law to Vote in Town Afares to Aſemble and meet at the meting house on monday the Nineteenth of this Instant September at four oClock in the after Noon then and there Being Duly met and Form:d to Act on the Articels Foloing:

first to Chuſe a moderater for Goverment of Said meting: Secondly To See If the Town Will Chuſe a Committy According to the Request of the Select men of Boston Sent to this town to Desire Said town to Call a town meting To Consider the Present Criteele Situation of the Govements afaiers or Vote Any thing Refering their to: as they Shall Think Proper: . . . . .

Hereof Fail Not and make Return of this Warrent at on or before the Time above Said Given under our hands and Seal this Nineteenth Day of September and in the Eighth year of his majestyes Reign A D: 1768 . . . .

Thomas Cowdin, Amos Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

Worster: ſs: In obedance to your Warrent I have Warned all the freeholders and others Inhabitance to met at the meting house afore menchoned

Fitchburgh September ye 19th: 1768

Ebenez^r^ Bridges Cunstable

[54] at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabitents inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh aſembled on Septr the 19 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1^ly^ Choſe Capt David Goodridge moderater . . .

2^ly^ vted and Choſe the honarable Edward Hartwell Esqr to be agent for the town of fitchburg to Joyn the Comite of the town of Boſton acording to their Request ſent by the Gentelmen ſelect meen of boſton ſent to the town of fitchburgh . . . . . .

then the meting Diſolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

march ye 6 1769

(feal) Worceftr fs

To mr Ebenezer Bridge Cunftable for the town of fitchburg Greting . . . . .

In his mgeftes name you are Requird to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the town ofitchburgh by Law to vote in town afaers to aſemble & meet at the metinghouſe on mondy the ſixth Day of march next at Nine O Clock in the foure noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the articles folowing

1^ly^ to Chuefe a moderater for Goverment of f^d^ meting

2^ly^ to Chuſe Select meen & other town oficers for the year Iſuing

3^ly^ to ſee if the town will alow m^r^ Phinehas Steward Cunftable four pounds Lawfull money which f^d^ fteward fayth was not alowd him when he Recond with the town trefhror by a Refept which f^d^ Steward found after their fetlment . . . .

4^ly^ to make proviſon for the maintaince of m^rs^ Hart

5^ly^ to Raſe money to Repare bridges & mend the high ways or vote aney thing Refering ther to as they ſhall think proper

6^ly^ to Exept of ſuch high ways as ſhall be Laid out by the Select meen or their order . . .

7^ly^ to Exept of ſuch acounts as ſhall apear to be Due from the town . . . . .

8^ly^ to ſee if the town wont bueld a pownd . . .

9^ly^ to ſee if town will alow the ſwine to Run at Large the year Inſuing . . . . .

10^ly^ to ſee if the town will abate Timothy parkers Rats in phinehas Stewards Rates . . . . .

11^ly^ to ſee if the town will Diſcontinue a Roade Laid out from m^r^ Witts through moſes Thurlos Land & James Grays Land to the old Roade Leding to Lunenburg also to ſee if the town will Diſcontinue the Rode from mr Witts to moſes & william thurlos

[55] Here off fale not & make Return of this warrent with your Dowings there on to Sum one of us the Subscribers at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seals this ſeventeenth Day of this

Inſtent febuery & in the Ninth year of his mgeſts Reighn . . A D 1769

Thos Cowdin
Amos Kimball
Iſaac Gibſon
} Select meen for fitchburgh

fitchburgh march the 6 1769

in obedance to the within warent I have warnd all the free holders & other inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in town afaers to aſemble and meete at the mtnghouse on the ſixth Day of march to act on the artels of the within writen Warent

pr Ebenezer Bridge Cunſtable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh aſembled on march the 6 1769

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Choſe Decon John Thuſten moderater . . . .

2ly Choſe Thos Cowdin & Iſaac Gibſon & Decon John Thuſten . . . . . Select meen

3ly Choſe Thos Cowdin . . . . . town Clark

4ly Choſe Thos Cowdin . . . . . town treſhror

5ly Choſe Jonathan Wood . . . . . Cunſtable

6ly Choſe James Litch & James Gray . . . wardens

7ly Choſe William Thurlo & Ephm OZburn & Nehemiah fuller francis fullam & phiniheas Hartwell & Thos Cowdin and that Each Survaer work one Day on the County Road With ther Reſpective Deſtricts Wheir it ſhall apear moſt nedfull and the ſurveyer be Colectors . Survoir of high Ways

8ly Choſe Jeſse french & Joſeph Downe . tiethen meen

9ly Choſe Ephraim Smith & Nichlos Danforth . . Dere Reves

10ly Choſe phinehas Hartwell & Ebenezer Bridge & Kindal Boutall . . . . . fier Wards

11ly Choſe Ichabod Smith & William Steward & Samuel Peirce & mordaci moors . . . . . hog Reves

12ly Choſe Soloman Steward furvoyr of . . Survoyr of Clabords & Shingls

13ly Choſe Jonathan Wood . . culer of ſtaves & hups

14ly Choſe William Thurlo . . . . . Lether Seler

15ly Choſe Decon Thuſten & Capt Goodridge . fier wards

[56] 16ly Choſe John White & John Buſs . field Drivers

17ly Choſe Capt Goodridge Colector of the nonreſedants proprietar Land tax . . . . . Colector of Land tax

18ly Vted to Diſmis phinehas Steward Requeſt . . .

19ly Voted to alow mr witt five pownds ſix ſhilings & Eight pene to Bord mrs Hart one year and ſame proporton by the weke in caſe ſhe ſhould not Live til the year is Expred . . . . . 5 . 6 . 8 pd

20ly Voted to Raſe ſixty pownds to Repair Bridges and mend high Ways 60 00 0

21ly Voted that the High Way tax be workd out by the frſt Day of Novembr next . . . . .

22ly voted to Exept Such Rodes as ar Given by the owner of the Land

23ly Voted to Exept of a 2 Roade Rode through Caleb uptons Land from phinehas Hartwells Land by fd upons houſe to the County Road and Exepted if Given

24ly aloud mr Witt his acount . . . . . 00 14 9 pd

25ly aloud Thos Cowdins acount . . . . 00 15 7 pd

26ly aloud Iſaac Gibſons acount . . . . 00 15 4 pd

27ly aloud Decon amos Kimball acount . . . 00 5 4

28ly alowd Nehemiah fuller acount . . . 00 5 0 paid

29ly voted to buelde a pownd with Logs and that the Select meen be a comite . . . . .

30ly voted that Every perſon in town com & work at fd pownd or pay his proporton in money

31ly voted that the Swine Run at Large being well yockt and Ringd . . . . .

32ly voted to abate Timothy parkers Rats in phinehas Stewards Liſt . . . . . 00 10 0 paid

33ly voted to Diſcontinue the Roade through moſes thurlos and James Grays Land Leding to the old Roade Which Leds to Lunenburgh . . . .

[57] 34ly voted to Diſcontinue the Roade betwen William Thurlo and moſes Thurlos Lands Leding from mr Witts . . . . .

also a two Roade Rode Given by moſes thurlo through his paſter by his Barn near the ſtone wall now bult Led-

ing to Land of William Stewards—and also a two Roade Rode Given by William Steward through his Land near his houſe and ſow through ſ^d^ Stewards Land til it coms to the old County Roade nere James Grays house

the ſevral Town ofiers tuck the oaths Requrd by Law
The meting Diſolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

fitchburgh febuery the 28 1769

Laid out a two Roade Rode begining at the Norweſterdly Corner of Cornet Thos Carters Land Runing one Rode wide on Land of ſ^d^ Carters and the other Rode or halfe of ſ^d^ Road on Land belongin to m^r^ Levi Whitcomb til it Coms to Bengiman Baleys Corner then one halfe on ſ^d^ Baleys Land til it Coms to the Laine that Leds to Cornet Carters houſe then on James Litches Land about 35 Rodes then turns on Land belongin to David or Ezra uptons til it Coms to the County Rode near James Litches houſe and markt markt the trees on the ſouth ſide of ſaid Roade with two notches mening two two Rods wide &c ſaid Roade Laid out for Ruben Smith to com at his Land and the town is not to be at aney Coſt or Charge til ſ^d^ Smith Lives on his Land . . . . .

also a two Road Rode begining at the County Rode and Runs a weſterdly pinte one Rode on mr Caleb uptons Land and one Rode on David or EZra Uptons Land til it Coms to the Land of Ezekel foulers & Runs through ſ^d^ foulers Land til it coms to mr Levi Whitcombs Land and markt the trees on the South Side of ſ^d^ Rode with tow notches mening two Rods Wide & one Rod wide Given by m^r^ Caled Upton

Thos Cowdin
Amos Kimball
Iſaac Gibſon
} Select meen for fitchburgh

Also a two Rode Roade begining at or near Jonathan Woods house Runing Eſt to the Wido marey holts fene or the Corner of her fence anthen a ſtrait Line to Lunenburg Line and markt the trees on the ſouth ſide of ſ^d^ Rode

Thos Cowdin
Amos Kimball
Iſaac Gibſon
} Select meen for fitchburgh

[58] octobr ye 25 1769

(Seal) To mr Jonathan Wood Cunſtable for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In His magestes name you are Requird to warn all the free holders & other inhabitents qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to aſemble & meet at the metinghouse on wenſdy the wenty fifth Day of this inſtent octobr at one o Clock in the after noon then and & their being Duely met and formd to to act on the arteles folowing . . .

1^ly^ to Chuſe a moderater for Goverment of f^d^ metting

2^ly^ to Raſe money to pay m^r^ John paysons Setelment and also his Salery for the preſent year . . . .

3^ly^ to Raſe money to provide a Scool or Scooles or Vote aney thing thing Referring there to as the town Shall think proper

4^ly^ to Raſe money to Defray town Charges or Vote aney thing their to as they ſhall think proper . . .

5^ly^ ly for thoſe that have Dun Serves for the town to bring in their acounts . . . . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this Warrent with your Dowings there on to Sume one of us at or before the time above mentned Given under our hands & Seal this fifth Day of octobr and in the inth year of his majests Reign A D 1769

Thos Cowdin, Ifaac Gibſon, John Thuſten } Select meen for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs fitchburgh octobr ye 25 1769

In obedeance to the within writen warrant I have warned the frea holders & other in habitents qualified by Law to Vote in town affaers to aſemble & meet at the time and place within mentned to act on the artels within mentned

Jonathan Wood Cunſtable

at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh aſembled on the 25 Day of octobr 1769

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1ly Chofe Liut Ruben Gibfson moderater . . . .

2ly Voted to Rafe one hundrd & thirty three pounds fix fhilings and Eight pene to pay mr John payfons yearly falery and the Remainder of his Setelment . . £133 6 8

[59] 3ly Raifd Eight pounds to provide a Scool . £8 0 0

4ly and Decon John Thuften James Gray & Soloman Steward be a Comite to provide a Scool mafter . . .

5ly Voted that three quarters of the money Laid out in two parts of the town the other quarter be Laid out in mr phinehas hartwells Corner & in mr Elifha fullams Corner . . . . .

6ly Voted to Rafe teen pounds to Defray town Charges 10 0 0

7ly Voted to aloue Thos Cowdins acount . 1 11 0 pd

8ly Voted to aloue Ifaac Gibfons acount . . 00 5 4 pd

9ly Voted to aloue John Thuftens acount . 00 4 0 pd

The meting Difolvd . . . . .

Thos Cowdin town Clark

To all people To Whome thefe prefents shall com Greting Know ye that I Amos Kimball of fitchburgh in the County of Worceftr and provance of the mafachufets bay in New England Gentn for & in Confideration of the Refpect I have for the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh I here by Give Grant Convay and Confairm unto the inhabitants of fd town & to their heirs for Ever one acre of Land Lying and being in fitchburgh afore faid begining at a pillar of ftones Near my potash and Runs Southerdly Eight Rods then maks an angle and Runs twenty Rods Efterdly then mak an angle and Runs Eight Rods notherdly then mak an angle and Runs twenty Rods Wefterdly to the bounds firft mentned for the ufe and priveledge of a buering yard and that only

To have and to hold the faid Granted & Given premifes with all the privilege and benefit of a bueriang yard and a Commodations to the same belongin or in aney wife apertaning to them and their heirs for Ever and I the faid amos Kimball for my felf heirs Executors and adminftrators Do Covenant promis and Grant to and with the

inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh that before the Enseling here of I am the true and sole oner of the above Granted premiſes and have Good Right full power and Lawfull athorety to Grant Convay and to Confairm the ſaid premiſes in maner as aforeſaid further I the aid amos Kimball for my ſelf heirs Executers and adminiſtrators Do covenant and Engage the above Demiſed premiſes to the inhabitents of ſ[d] town and heirs against the Lawfull Claims or Demands of aney perſon or perſons whatsoever for Ever hereafter to warrant ſecure and Defend by these preſents In witnes here unto I have ſot to my hand and Seal this twenty third Day of Decembr A D 1769 and in the tenth year of his mjeſts Reign in preſents of

*Amos Kimball [Seal.]

David Goodridge
Thos Cowdin

[60] Janeuery y[e] 11 Day 1770

(ſele) Worceſtr ſs To m[r] Jonathan Wood Cunſtable for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majeſtis name you are herby Requird to Warn all the fee holders & other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh qualfied by Law to vote in town afaers to aſemble & meet at the meting house on thurſdy the Eleventh Day of this Inſtent Janeuery at ten O Clock in the fore noone then and their being Duely meet & formd to act on the artels folowing . . . . .

1[ly] to Chuse a moderater for Goverment of ſ[d] meting

2[ly] to see what method the town will Come Into to buield & Repair the bridges in ſ[d] town Caried off by the Late flud or vote aney thing Refering their too as they ſhall think proper

3[ly] to ſee whether the town wont omitt having aney Scoole this Winter & Reſerve their Scoole money til next fall . . . . .

4[ly] to ſee if the town will omit the fine which Eliphlet mace Gave the town a note for or aney part of the fine &c

*These are actual signatures, and the seal is affixed to the page. [W. A. D.

Here off faile not & make Return of this Warrent to fume one of us at or before the time above mentned Given under our hands & feale this Eighth Day of Janeuery & in the tenth year of his majeftys Reign A D 1770

Thos Cowdin, Iſaac Gibſon, John Thufton } Affeſsors for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs In obediants to the within writen I have warned all the free holders & other inhabtants to meet & aſemble at time & place within mentned

Jonathan Wood Cunſtable

At a Legal meting of the inhabitents of the town of fitchburgh aſembled on Janeuery the Eleventh 1770

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1ly Choſe Capt David Goodridge moderater . . .

2ly Voted to build the bridge in the old ſpot . . .

3ly Voted to Raſe thirty pounds to Build & Repair the bridges in fd town 30 00 00

4ly Voted to Work the money out in the uſel maner

5ly Choſe ſoloman ſteward & phinehas Steward & John putman be a committe to buield the bridge

6ly Voted not to have aney ſcoole this winter but Reſerve their money til next fall . . . .

7ly Voted to abate twenty Eight ſhilings out of forty ſhilings which was the fine Due to the town from Eliphlet mace for Giveing in a falſe Invoice to the affeſsors and their Remains Due to the town twelve ſhilings only . . . . . 00 12 00 paid

The meting Diſolved

Thos Cowdin town Clark

[61] 1770 March 5th

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To Mr Jonathan Wood Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting ——

In His Majiſtys Name you are Required to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town Qualifyed by Law to Vote in Town Affairs to Aſsemble and Meet at the Meeting Houſe On Monday the fifth day of

March Next at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon then their being duly meet and formed to Act on the following Articles Viz^{t} ——

1. To Choose a Moderator for Government of said Meeting

2 To Choose Select Men and other Town Officers . .

3 To Except of such Town Roads as ſhall be Laid out by the Select Men or their Order . . . .

4 To Raise Money to Mend the high Ways and Vote any thing Refering thereto as they shall think Proper . .

5 To hear the Accounts of the Town Treaſurer from the Select Men . . . . .

6 To ſee if the Town will Raiſe Money to Provide the Town with Weights and Meaſures or any other Town Articles as the Town shall think Proper . . . .

7 To See if the Town will lett the Swine Run at Large the Year Enſuing . . . . .

8 To See what Method the Town will take to Provide a Support for Mrs Hart's Maintenance and Vote any thing thereto as they shall think proper . . . .

9 To see if the Town will Relieve the Widow Mary Upton for Diſtreſses Occaſioned by Frowns of Divine Providence and Abate Her Husbands Rates. Rates on Iſaac Gibſon & Bridges List . . . .

Hereof fail not: and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ſum One of us the Subſcribers At on on or before the Day above Mentioned. Given Under Our hand and ſeal this fourtenth day of February and in the Tenth Year of His Majistys Reign A D 1770

10 N B see what Method the Town will take in Rebuilding the Bridge Near Capt. Goodriges Occaſion^{d} by a floods Carrying of the said Bridge a Vote any thing referring thereto, as the Town ſhall think Proper

Thos Cowden } Select Men for the
John Thurston } Town of Fitchburg

[62] March 5th 1770——

Worceſter ſs In Obediance to the within Written Warrant I have warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualifyed by Law to Vote in Town affairs to

Aſsemble and meet at the time and Place with in mentioned to Act on the Articles within Mentioned——

Jonathan Wood Conſtable

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled On March the 5th 1770

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1st Choose Capt. David Goodridge Moderator . . .

2d the ſame Thos Cowdin. Capt David Goodridge & John White Select Men . . . . . Select Men

3d Thomas Cowden Town Clerk . . . Town Clerk

4 Thomas Cowden Town Treaſurer . Town Treaſurer

5 Choose Joseph Spafford Conſtable and The Town Accepted of Deacon John Thurston in his Room . Conſtable

6 Choose Charles Willard & James Pool Wardens . . Wardens

7 Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell & ſaml Pierce . . Tything Men

8 Chooſe Soloman Steward & Hezekiah Hodgskin Surveyors of High ways & Kindal Boutell & Nichols Danforth & John Putmun & James Litch & Joſeph Low to be Collector of high way Taxes . . high way Surveyors

9. Chooſe Silas Snow & Thos Hartwell be Deer Reives . . . . . Deer Reives

10. Chooſe John Buſs & John Mudg fire Wards . fire Wards

11. Chooſe David Pierce. Elijah Carter & Eliphalet Mace . . . . . Hog Reives

12. Chooſe ſolomon Steward to be a ſurveyor of Clapboards & ſhingles . . . . . Clapboards & Shingles

13 Chooſe Jonathan Wood to be a Culler of Staves & Hoops . . . . . Culler of Staves & Hoops

14 Chooſe Ephraim Oſborne & Phinehas Steward to be ſence Viewers . . . . . ſence Viewers.

15 Chooſe William Thurlo Cealer of Leather . . Cealer of Leather

[63] 16th Choose Mordecai Moores & Eliphalet Mace to be field drivers . . . . . Field Drivers

17. Fitchburgh October 5. 1769 Laid out a two Rod Road begining at Mr John Buſses Houſe & Runs through

f[d] Buſse,s land till it comes to Land of M[r] Eleazer Houten so through M[r] Houtens land till it comes to M[r] Joshua Goodridges Land so through said Goodridges Land till it comes to Comon Land so through the Comon Land till it comes to Land of Deacon Amos Kimballs Land & through said Kimballs Land till it comes to the Road that leads from Hezekiah Hodgskin,s Road that leads to the Meeting Houſe and Marked Trees on the South side of the road & Excepted if the land be given by the Owners

Tho[s] Cowden, Iſaac Gibſon, John Thurſton } Select Men of Fitchburgh

18 March 3[d] 1770 A two Rod Road laid out from M[r] Benj[a] Jaquith[s] House Runing South Westerly till it comes to a Black Oak tree from that tree Runing through Comon Land to a Black Oak in M[r] John Whites Land and through said Whites Land by the West end of his Houſe till it comes to the Town Road & this be a Bridle Road and this Road given by M[r] John White preſent at the Town Meeting for a Bridle Road . . . .

John Thurston, John White } Comittee appointed by the Select Men

19 March 3[d] 1770 Laid out a two Rod Road by Order of the Select Men begining at Aſhby line and Runing through Coll[o] Browns land and then through William Smalls Land and then thro', John Putnams Land and through Iſaac Gibſon Land to the Old Road that Leads to Aſhby and Marked trees on the Easterly side of said Road . . . .

and the land given by W[m] Small John Putnam & Iſaac Gibſon Preſent at the Town Meeting . . . .

Iſaac Gibſon, John Putnam, William Small } Comittee appointed by the Select Men

[64] 1770 March 5th

20 Voted & Raised One hundred Pounds to Repare the high ways and to pay those that have worked more than hath been Aſſeſ[d] on the Several Perſons . . . £100

21 Voted that the Town pay for the Rum that was Expended at the ſeveral Bridges . . . . .

22 Voted that the highway taxes be Worked out in the Uſual Manner . . . . .

23 Voted & Accepted of the Town Treaſurer Accounts as they ſtand by the ſelect Men that is Due to Thos Cowden . . . . . £76 . . 19 . 4

24 Voted that the ſelect Men Provide a ſett of Weights & Meaſures for the Towns uſe

25 Voted that the Swine run at Large being Lawfuly yoked & Ringd

26 Voted to pay Mordecai Moores for Boarding Mrs Hart Three pounds Eight ſhillings & Eight pence for One whole year and so in proportion by the Week in Case that she ſhould not live till the year is Expired . . . .

27 Voted to abate Mr Uptons pole tax in Mr Iſaac Gibſon & Ebenezer Bridges Lists . . . aloud Gibſon pd aloud mr Bridge . . . . . 1–2–6 pd

28 Voted to Accept of Deacon John Thurſton Conſtable in the Room of Mr Joseph Spafford . . Constable

The Meeting Diſolved——

The Sevral Town oficers tuck the oaths Riquird by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[65] Octobr the 1 1770——

(ſeal) Worceſtr ſs To mr John Thuſton Cunſtable for the Town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In His majests name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town a faers to a Semble and meet att the meting houſe on mondy the firſt Day of octobr next at one O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the artcls folowing . . . . .

1ly to Chueſe a moderater for Goverment of ſd meting

2ly to Raiſe money for the Revrt mr John Payſons Salery for the year Inſuing . . . . .

3ly Raiſe money to provide a Scoole or Scooles and vote aney thing Refering their to as they ſhall think proper

4ly to have all perſons bring in their a Counts that have Dun Serves for the Town . . . .

5ly to Raiſe aney ſum or ſumes of money to Defray Town Charges as the Town ſhall think proper . . .

6ly to ſee if Town will vote to have the Records Taken out of the old Town book and Enterd in the new book by the Town Clark and Compard by a Comite . . .

7ly to ſee if the Town Will a bate aney part of the Rates on Ebenezer Bridges List & also Iſaac Gibſons List

Here of faile not and make Returne of this Warrant with your Dowings there on to ſume one of us at or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this Eleventh Day of Septr and in the Tenth year of his majeſts Reign A D 1770 . . . . .

Thos Cowdin
David Goodridge
John White
} Select men for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs octobr the 1 1770 ——

In obediance to the within Warant I have notifid the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh to apear at time and place mentned in to act on the artels incerted their in

John Thuſton Cunſtable

[66] at a Legal meting of the fre Holders and other Inhabitants of Town of fitchburgh aſembled on octobr the 1 1770 —

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Choſe John White moderater

2ly Voted to Raſe Sixty Six pounds thirteen and foure pene to pay the Reverant mr John Payson his Salery for the year Inſuing 66-13 4

3ly Voted to Raſe five pounds thirteen ſhilings and foure pence to be Laid out in Scooling 5 13 4

4ly Voted That Ruben Gibson & Decon Kimball & Jonathan Wood be a Comite to provide a Scoole maſter and that 3 quarters of the money be Laid out 2 parts of the Town the other quarter be Laid out in phinehas Hartwells Corner & Boutals Corner of the Town

5ly Voted to alow Thos Cowdins a Count . . pd 3 11 3

6ly Voted to alow mr Witts a Count . . . . pd 00 6 10-2

7ly Voted to alow Decon Thuſtons a Count . pd 00 6 3

8ly Voted to alow Capt Goodridges a Count pd 00 10 8
9ly Voted to alow John Whites a Count . . pd 00 2 6
10ly Voted to alow Joſeph Polleys a Count . pd 00 1 6
11ly Voted to alow Ebenezer Bridges a Count pd 00 13 4

12ly Voted to Draft the old Records off the old Town Book and that Capt Goodridge & John White be a Comite to Compare the Records when Drafted by the Town Clark . . . .

13ly Voted to abate out of Iſaac Gibſons List of Town & provence Rate . . . . . paid Gibſon 2 11 9-2

[67] 14ly Voted to alow Ebenezer Bridge two pounds five ſhilings on acount of hildrecks & Noah Wizels Rates . . . . . pd 2 5 0

15ly Voted to Raſe thirteen pounds ſix ſhilings & Eight pene to Defray Town Charges 13 6 8

The Meting Diſolved

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

march the 4 1771

(Seale) Worceſtr ſs

To mr John Thuſton Cunſtable for the Town of fitchburgh Gretting

In his mjeſts name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Vote in Town afaers to aſsemble & meet at the meeting house on mondy the fourth Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure noon then & their being meet & formd to act on the artcals ſolowing

1ly to Chuefe a moderator for Goverment of fd meeting

2ly to Chuefe Select meen & other Town oficers for the year Inſuing . . . .

3ly to Exept of ſuch Roads as are Laid out by the Select men or their order . . . . .

4ly to Raise money to mend the high ways & Vote aney thing Refering there to as they Shall Think proper

5ly to ſee if the Town will Exept of the Town Treaſurers acounts as they Stand Examined by the Select men

6ly to Raise money to Suport mrs Hart or Vote aney thing Refering there to as They ſhall Think proper . . .

7ly to Se if the Town will abate Such Rates as ſhall be Laid before the Town by the Cunſtables or Vote aney thing Refering there to as they ſhall think proper . . .

8ly to Se if the Town will Exept of ſuch acounts as ſhall be Laid before the Town . . . . .

9ly to heare the acounts of the ſevral Colectors of high way Taxes for the year paſt & Vote aney thing Referring there to as they Shall Think proper . . . . .

10ly to ſee if the Town will Take up the 2 hind feates & feel that Ground with the 2 alleys to the Highest bidder or Vote aney thing Refering there to as they ſhall Think proper . . . . .

11ly to bring in the Vots of the Town for a Cunty Regstr . . . . .

12ly to ſee if the Town will Exept of the Select mens Report in comparing the old Records as they are Taken off the old Book . . . . .

[68] 13ly to See if the Swine may Run at Large in Town the year Inſuing . . . . .

Here of fale not & make Return of this warrant to Sume one of us the Subſcribors at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hand & ſeale this fourth Day of febuery A D 1771 & in the Eleventh year of his majeſts Reign . . . . .

Thos Cowdin
David Goodridge
John White
} Select men for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs fitchburgh march the 4 1771

In obediance to the Within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of ſd Town acording to the Towns Vote

John Thuſton Cunſtable

At a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh aſembled march the 4 1771

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Voted & Choſe Decon Amos Kimball moderator . .

2ly Voted & Choſe Amos Kimball Thos Cowdin & capt David Goodridge Select men . . . . . Select men

3[ly] Voted & Choſe Tho[s] Cowdin Town Clark . Town Clark

4[ly] Voted & Choſe Tho[s] Cowdin Town Treaſurer . Town Treaſurer

5[ly] Voted & Choſe Iſaiah Witt Cunſtable . Cunſtable

6[ly] Voted & Choſe Jonathan Smith & Ebenezer Wood Wardens . . . . . Wardens

7[ly] Voted & Choſe Ephriham OZburn & Hezekiah Hodgkin Tythen men . . . . . Tythen men

8[ly] Choſe cap[t] David Goodridge & Jeſse french & max[i] Jewitt & Daniel putnam & Elijah Carter & Kindall Boutall & Eliphlet mace Colectors of high way Taxes high way Survaers

9[ly] Choſe Jonathan page & Icabod Smith Deere Reves Deer Reves

10[ly] Choſe Joſhua parce & John Buſs fier wards fier wards

11[ly] Choſe Icabod Smith & oliver Davis & Jonathan Holt & Ebenezer Thuſton Hog Reves hog Reves

12[ly] Choſe Soloman Steward Survar of Clabords & Shingels Clabords & Shingels

13[ly] Choſe John Buſs Culler of hups & Staves Culler of hups & Staves

[69] 14[ly] Choſe Tho[s] Starns & Decon John Thuſton fence Vewers fence vers

15[ly] Choſe William Thurlo Seler of Lether Seler of Lether

16[ly] *We have Laid out a 2 Rod Rode begining at m[r] Jonathan pages & abraham farwells Southerdly Divison Corner Runing Southerdly through m[r] Olivers Land to m[r] phinehas Hartwells Land & through ſ[d] Hartwells Land til it coms to Ebenezer Harringtons Land ſo through ſ[d] Harringtons til it coms the Rode that Leeds from m[r] hartwells Land to ſ[d] harringtons house ſo by harringtons house on the South Side of ſ[d] house Runing Eaſterdly to or near the Spring then turns Southerdly & Runing through Comon Land to Land of moſes perly ſo through ſ[d] perlys Land to Land of Ebenezer Thuſtons Down to ſ[d] Thuſtons

*First location of part of Ashby West Road and Flat Rock Road. [Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]

house then Runing from ſd Thuſtens house ſtrait to the old County Rode ſo folowing the old County Rode Down to the preſent County Rode at the Botom of pine hill ſo caled & markt trees on the Eaſterdly Side of ſd Rode

fitchburgh march the 11 1771 and Exepted if Given the ſd Hartwell Reſerving all the timber in ſd Road

Thos Cowdin, John White } Select men for fitchburgh

17ly *We have Laid out a Rode Begining at holow a Litle below a yarde Caled mr David Goodels yard about one hundred Rods Weſt of mr David Goodels saw mill Runing Eaſterdly by ſd mill til it Coms to the old Rode that Leeds by mr Goodels house then Turning north & Laid out a 2 Rode Road through ſd Goodels Land til it Coms to Land of Icabod Smiths ſo through ſd ſmiths Land til it Coms to Land of francis fullams & the Land Given by ſd Goodel & ſd Smith through bothe of Their farms til ſd Rode Striks francis fullams Land then Runing Strait by ſd fullams house by the East End of ſd houſe ſtrait through ſd fullams Land to Land of Joſeph Downes ſo through ſd Downes Land by the Eaſterdly End of his house Whare ſd Rode mets the Town Rode Laid out by Select men as apears by the Records on the Town Book & Exepted by the Town if Given at their anual meeting march 7 1768

Said Rode through mr francis fullams Land Exepted by the Town upon the Towns Axpence in Caſe mr francis fullam will not Give the Land fitchburgh febuery the 21 1771

Thos Cowdin, David Goodridge, John White } Select men for fitchburgh

[70] 18ly We have Laid out a 2 Rod Rode begining at John Gibſons north Line Runing a Southerdly point through ſd Gibſons Land til it Coms to a Corner of mr foxcrafts Land & Runing through mr foxcrafts Land til it Cons to Land of Thos Willards & through ſd Willards

*Old location road now called Franklin Road. [Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]

Land til it Coms to Land ownd by the hairs of Secretry Willards & through f^d Willards Land til it Coms to Land belongin to Ebenez Bridge & Zacriah Whitney J^ur Land So Runing betwen f^d Bridges & Whitneys Land til it Coms to old Rode Leding from Ebenezer Bridges to the meeting house & markt Trefe on the Weſterdly Side of f^d Rode & the Land Given by f^d Gibſon & f^d Willard through their Lands the other part Exepted if Given fitchburgh febuery the 28 1771

Thos Cowdin, John White } Select men for fitchburgh

19^ly Axepted of a Bridel Rode Through m^r Ephrihams Kimballs Land from Solomans Stewards Land til it comes to Decon Amos Kimballs Land by the buerieng yard & the privlege of the Land Given by m^r Ephriham Kimball ſo Long as Their is Good Gates made & maintained by m^r Soloman Steward or aney other perſon poſeſſing f^d Soloman Stewards farm

20^ly Voted to Raſe ninty pounds to be workt out on the high ways & that the Colectors make up and complet their Coleton by the first of novembr next or be a Countable to the Town Treſurer for the Renainder part in mony & that thoſe that work be aloud in the uſel maner . . . . . £90 – 0 – 0

21^ly Voted And Exepted the Town Treaſurers acounts as they ſtand Examend by the Selectmen & that they find that Thos Cowdin Town Treaſurer hath paid out Sixty one pound Eighteen Shilings & Eight pene more then he hath Reſevd of the Towns money . . . . £61 – 18 8

22^ly Voted to pay m^r Witt three pounds Seventeen Shilngs & foure for bording m^rs Hart pence for one whole year & ſo in proporton by the weke in Caſe ſhe ſhould not Live til the year is Expired . . . . £3 – 17 – 4 pd

[71] 23^ly Voted and abated John putnams Town Tax in Jonathan Woods List £1 f2–d1–q1
also John muge Rates in Jonathan Woods List 1 6 1 1
also Petter Nurce in Dito . . . . . 1 6 – 1 – 1
also William Small in Dito . . . . . 1 6 – 1 1
also Zacriah Whitneys J^ur Dito . . . . . 1 6 – 1 1

total paid £6 – 6 – 6 – 1

24ly Voted to alow John putnam his aCount which is . . . . . 1 3 – 6 pd

25ly Voted that all the old Colectors of high way taxes for the year 1770 Shall complet their Colecton by the firſt of June next or be acountable to the Town Treaſurer for the Remainder of the money that ſhall not be workt out by the time above mentned

26ly Voted to Sell the Ground where the hind Seet together with the 2 alles to the Hiest bider & that the money Shall be Laid out in fineſhing the meetinghouse & that the Ground be Sold to the Inhabitants of the Town & no other perſon & that Decon Kimball Thos Cowdin & Capt David Goodridge be a Comitte to dispoſe of the Ground whare the 2 hind ſets ſtands together with the 2 alles & that they be impowerd to Give Deeds of the Ground in the metng house as above mentned

27ly Voted to Exept of the Records as they are Compard by the Comitte

28ly Voted that the Swine Run at Large the year Inſuing

The meetting Deſolved

Amos Kimball moderator

The Sevral Town oficers Tuck the oaths Requird by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[72] may the 28 1771

(ſeale) Worceſtr ſs To mr Iſaiah Witt Cunſtable for the Town of fitchburgh Greeting

In his majeſtes name you are Requird to Warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualifid by Law to Vote in town afaers to aſemble & meet at the meeting houſe on tueſdy the twenty Eighth Day of this Inſtant may at two O Clock in the after noone then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the articles folowing

1ly to Chueſe a moderator for Goverment of ſd meeting

2ly to See What method the Town will Come Into to Build & Repaire the Bridges that are Carried a Way

& Dammified by the floods or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they ſhall thin proper . . . .

Here off faile not and make Return of this Warrant to Sum one of us the Subſcribers at or befor the time above mentned Given under our hand & Seale this fourteenth Day of may A D 1771 & in the Eleventh year of his majests Reign

Thoˢ Cowdin
Amos Kimball
David Goodridge
} Select meen for fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs fitchburgh may the 28 1771

In obediance to the within warrant I have warnd all the Inhabitants & others qualified by Law to vote in Town afares to aſemble at yᵉ place a Cording to the within Warrant

pr Iſaiah Witt Cunſtable

At a Legal meeting of the fre holders & other Inhabitants of Town of fitchburgh aſembled may the 28 1771

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Choſe Decon Amos Kimball moderator . . . .

2ly Voted & Choſe James Poole & Kindal Boutal & Silos Snow to be a Commitee to Buield the Bridge over the River at mr David Goodels Saw mill and that they be aloud & paid by the Town . . . . .

3ly Voted that Capt David Goodridge Repair the Bridge over the River by the meting houſe & that the Town alowe pay for that ſerves

Amos Kimbal moderator

The meeting Disolved pr Thoˢ Cowdin Town Clark

[73] Octobr the 1 1771

(Seal) Worceſtr ſs To mr Iſaiah Witt Cunſtable for the Town of fitchburgh Greetings

I his majeſts name you are herby Requird to Warne all the Inhabitants of ſd Town to aſemble & meet at the meeting hous on fryda the firſt Day of novembr next at one O Clock in the afternoone then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the articels folowing . . .

1ly to Chuefe a moderator for Goverment of fd meeting

2ly to Rafe money to pay the Revrant mr John Payson his Salery for the year paft . . . . .

3ly to Rafe money to provide a fcool or fcools & vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper . .

4ly to fee if the Town Will Do aney thing further towards finifhing the meeting houfe or vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall think proper . . . .

5ly to See if the Town will alowe the Seet next to the pues Ground Latly fold to be moved as much forwarder as the Seet will Convenantly alowe of & Give the Ground to the purchesors of the pue Ground . . . .

6ly to have thofe that have Done Serves for the Town bring in their acounts & Rase money to pay the same

7ly to See if the Town will abate aney Rats in aney of the former Cunftabls Lists . . . .

8ly to See if the Town will Rafe aney Sum or Sumes of money to Defray Town Charges . . . . .

Here of fale not & make Return of this Warrant to Some one of us at or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this fixteenth Day of octobr & in the twelf year of his majests Reign A D 1771

Amos Kimball
Thos Cowdin
David Goodridge
} Select men for fitchburgh

[74] Worceftr fs In obedance to the within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants of this Town qualified by Law to vote in Town afairs fitchburgh Novembr the 1 1771

Ifaiah Witt Cunftable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh afembld on Novembr the 1 1771

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Chofe Capt David Goodridge moderator . . .

2ly Voted to Rase fixty fix pounds thirteen fhilings & foure pene to pay mr John Payson his Salery for the year past . . . . . 66 – 13 – 4

3ly Voted to Rafe nine pounds to provide a fcool 9 – 0 – 0

4ly Voted that Ebenezer Bride & James Poole & phinehas Hartwell be a Comitte to provide a ſcool maſter & that thre quarters of the money be Laid out in 2 parts of the Town & the other quarter in phinehas Hartwells & James Pooles Corner of the Town

5ly Voted and Choſe a Committe to make a plan of the pue Ground in the Galeres behind the Seets & that moſes Thurlo & Soloman Steward & John Putnam be a Committe and they mak a plan and Return to the town at their next Town meeting

6ly Voted that the hind Seet be moved 4 inches & that the Ground be Given to thoſe perſons that that purchſed the pue Ground . . . . .

7ly Voted to pay mr James Poole & Silos Snow & Kindal Boutal nine pounds 11/8 for Building a Bridge over the River by mr Goodels Saw mill 9-11-8

8ly Voted to alow Decon Kimball 18/8 . . pd 0 18 8

9ly Voted to alow Capt David Goodridge 25/4 pd 1-5-4

[75] 10ly Voted to alow Samuel Walker 28/5 pd 1 8 5

11ly Voted to alow Thos Cowdin . . . . pd £4 2 7

12ly Voted to ajurne this meeting til the 18 Day of this Inſtant Novembr a one o Clock in the after noon . .

13ly Voted that the pues Ground in the Galerys be Sold at vandue & that the hiest bider ſhall be the purchſer & that the Inhabitants of the Town be the purchſers & now other perſons & that the money be Laid out in finiſhing the meeting houſe . . . . .

14ly Voted that Decon Kimball Thos Cowdin & Capt Goodridge be a Committe to ſell the pues Ground in the Galerys and Give Deeds of the Ground to the purcheſrs

15ly Voted that Thos Cowdin & Capt Goodridge & Ebenezer Woods be a Committe to finiſh the meeting house & that it be Left to the Committe . . . . .

16ly Voted to abate Thos Palmers Rats in Jonathan Woods List £1 – 11 – 9 – 3 . . . . . paid 1 11 9 – 3

17ly Voted to abate Noah Wizels Rats in Jonathan Woods List . . . . . paid 1 8 3 1

18ly Voted to Raſe fourteen pounds to Defray Town Charges £14 – 0 – 0 . . . . . 14 0 0

The meeting Diſolved David Goodridge moderator

pr Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[76] march the 2 1772

(Seal) Worceftr fs To mr Iſaiah Witt Cunſtable for the Town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majeſts name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town afaers to aſsemble & meet at the meetinghous in ſd Town on mondy the ſecond Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the articls folowing . . . . .

1ly to Chuefe a moderator for Goverment of ſd meeting

2ly to Chuefe Select men & other Town oficers for the year Inſuing . . . .

3ly to Raſe money to mend the high ways & bridges the year Inſuing & vote aney thing Refering there to as they ſhall think proper . . . . .

4ly to Exept of ſuch Roads as are Laid out by the Select men or their order . . . . .

5ly to Raſe money to ſuport mrs Hart or vote aney thing Refering their to as they ſhall think proper . . .

6ly to Se if the Town will Chuefe a Committe to wate upon the County Courts Committe in Laying out a County Road through fitchburgh by mr Boutals . . . .

7ly to Se if the Town will Exept of the Town Treaſurers a Counts as they Stand Setled by the Select men . .

8ly to Se if the Town will Diſcontinue the Road through Decon Kimballs Land by the Town of Lunenburgh from the Decons towards Hezekiah Hodgkins . .

9ly to See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the year Inſuing . . . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to ſome one of us the Subſcribor at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seals this thirteenth Day of of febuery & in the twelfth year of his majests Reign

A D 1772 Amos Kimball, Thos Cowdin, David Goodridge } Select meen

Worceftr ſs In obedeance to the within written warant I have warnd all the Inhabitants of this Town qualifid by Law to vote in Town affairs

fitchburgh march the 2 1772 Iſaiah Witt Cunſtable

[77] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh aſembled on march the 2 1772
Thoˢ Cowdin Town Clark

1ly Choſe Decon Amos Kimball moderator . . .

2ly Voted & Choſe Thos Cowdin & Decon Amos Kimball & Decon John Thuſton Select meen . . . Selet men

3ly Voted & Choſe Thos Cowdin Town Clark . Town Clark

4ly Voted & Choſe Thoˢ Cowdin Town Treaſurer . . Town Treaſurer

5ly Voted & Choſe Soloman Steward Cunſtable . . Cunſtable

6ly Voted & Choſe Nehemiah fuller & Phinehas Sawyer Juˢ Wardens . . . . . Wardens

7ly Voted & Choſe Thoˢ Hartwell & oliver Davis Tythen men . . . . . Tythen men

8ly Voted & Choſe Icabod Smith & Decon Kimball & mordaci moors Abraham Gibſon Charls Willard Ebenezer Woods Colectors of high way Taxes . high way Survars

9ly Voted & Choſe Samuel Downe & Thoˢ Hartwell Deer Reves . . . . . Deer Reves

10ly Voted & Chose Samuel Parce & Charls Willard fier . . . . . wards

11ly Voted & Choſe Samuel Parce & William Steward Jonathan Page hog Reves . . . . . hog Reves

12ly Voted & Choſe Soloman Steward Culler of Shingls & Clabords . . . . . Shingels & Clabords

13ly Voted & Choſe Jonathan Wood a Suervar of hups & ſtaves . . . . . hups & Staves

14ly Voted & Choſe David Goodridge & Thoˢ Cowdin fence vewers . . . . . fence vewers

15ly Voted & Choſe William Thurlo ſeler of Lether . . Seler of Lether

16ly Voted & Raiſed Eighty pounds to be workt out on the high ways & bridges £80 0 0
and that they work by the ower in the uefal maner & that Every Surver of high ways work one Day with all his whole Deſtriet on the county Rode or not be aloud for that Days work

[78] 17ly Voted to pay mordaci moors foure pounds ten Shilings to board mrs Hart one whole year & so in proportion by the weke in Cafe fhe fhould not Live the year out £4 10 0

18ly Voted & Chofe David Goodridge Thos Cowdin & Amos Kimball to be a Committe to wate upon the Countys Committe in Laying out a County Rode Through the Town of fitchburgh

19ly Voted & Axepted of the Town Treafurers a Counts as they stand setled by the Select men . . .

that is we find Remanding in John Thuftens hans thirty nine pounds 16/ 10 – 92 . . . . . 39 16-10 2

we also find in mr Ifaiah witts hands 114 12 4

we also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer hath paid over & above what he hath Refvd of the Sveral Cunftabls and Colectors of the Land taxes £58-17-7 . 58-17-7

Amos Kimball } Select
febuery the 24 1772 David Goodridge } men

20ly Voted to Difcontinue the Road through Decon Kimballs Land Laid out by the Town of Lunenburgh Leding from fd Kimballs houfe ftrait towards hezekiah Hodgkins

21ly Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large being yokt & Ringd a Cording to Law

the meting Difolvd pr Amos Kimball moderator

the Sevral Town oficers tuck the oathes Requrd by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[79] October 19 1772

(seal) Worcester fs. To Mr Solomon Stewart Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting——

In his Majesties Name you are requird to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs to afsemble & meet at the Meeting house on Monday the Nineteenth Day of October Inst at One O clock in the Afternoon then & there being duely met & formed to Act on the Articles following——

1 To Choose a Moderator for government of sd Meeting

2 To Raise Money to pay Mr Paysons Salary for the present year . . . . .

3 To raise Money to provide a School or Schools and vote any Thing referring thereto as they shall think proper . . . .

4ly To have those that have done Service for the Town bring in their Accounts & raise Money to pay the same . . . . .

5ly To see what Method the Town will take to provide Mr Paysons Wood, or vote any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper . . . .

6ly To see if the Town will build a School house or Houses or vote any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

7ly To see if the Town will abate any Rates in any of the former Constables Lists . . . . .

8ly To see if the Town will do any Thing towards supporting the Bridge called Kimballs Bridge . . .

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant to some One of us the Subscribers at or before the Day above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal this first Day of October A D 1772 & in the thirteenth year of his Majesties Reign

Thos Cowdin } Select Men
Amos Kimball } for
John Thurston } Fitchburg

[80] Fitchburg October 19 1772

In Obedience to the within Warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants to Assemble & meet at the Time & place within mentioned according to the tenor of the within Warrant

Solomon Stewart, Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled Octobr 19.1772

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1st Choose Capt David Goodridge Moderator . . .

2d Voted to raise Sixty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence to pay Mr Paysons Salary for the Year past . . . . . 66 ,, 13 ,, 4

3d Voted to Allow Joseph Sawyer his Account paid £0 4 8 pd
4 Voted to Allow Thomas Cowdin his Account paid 8 7 7 pd
5 Voted to Allow David Goodridge his Account paid 4 10 0 pd
6 Voted to Allow Deacon John Thurston his Account . . . . . paid 10 8 pd

7 Voted not to make a Rate to get Mr Paysons Wood the Year insuing; but every Person to get what Wood they think proper . . . . .

8 Voted to Adjourn the Meeting, to Octob. 26. 1772—at One O clock in the Afternoon

9 Voted & choose Deacon Kimball Solomon Stewart & Thos Cowdin to be a Committee to repair the Bridge called Kimballs Bridge . . . . .

10 Voted to abate Jonathan Holts Rates in Deacon Thurston Lists which is . . . . . paid 0 17 pd

11 Voted to Abate Thomas Harrifs,s Rates in Jonathan Wood,s List—which is . . paid . . £ pd 2 2 1 3

12 Voted to allow John Thurston five Shillings & three Pence being due from Antony Morse as a Part of his Rates, neverthelefs for John Thurston to collect sd Rates if in his Power & make return thereof to the Town £0 pd 5 3 pd

[81] 13. Voted to build four School houses in Fitchburg, and that each Quarter of the Town build their own School house at their own expence, free from any Town Tax, Only that each Quarter have their Proportion of the Town,s Boards & Nails, left after finishing the Meeting house

14. Voted that Deacon Kimball, Thomas Cowdin, Reuben Gibson, Phinehas Sawyer, Ebenr Woods be a Committee to fix Places to build the School. Houses upon

15. Voted to raise twenty Pounds to provide School Masters . . . . . £20 – 0 – 0

16 Voted that Thomas Cowdin Deacon Kimball, Ebenr Bridge be a Committee to provide Scoolmaster or Masters

17 Voted that each Quarter draw their proportional Part of the Money raised to provide a School

18 Voted to raise twenty Pounds to defrey Town Charges . . . . . £20 – 0 – 0 – 0

Meeting difsolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[82] march the 1 1773

(Seal) Worceſtr ſs

To Mr Soloman Steward constable for The Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majests name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & others Inhabitants quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town afairs to afsemble & meet at the meeting house on mondy the first Day of march next at nine o Clock in the foer noon Then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on The folowing articles . . . .

1ly to Chuse a moderator for goverment of fd meeting

2ly to Chuse Select men & other Towne oficers for the year Insuing . . . . .

3ly to Raise money to Repare the Roads & bridges for the year Insuing or Vote aney thing Refering their to as They shall think proper . . . . .

4ly to Se if the Town will axcept of the Town Treaſurers acounts as they ſtand Setled by the Select men

5ly to Se if the Town will axcept of Such Roads as are Laid out by the Select men or their order . . . .

6ly to make provison for mrs Harts Suport the year Insuing . . . . .

Here off fale not and make Return of this warrant unto Some won of us the Subscribors at or before The Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this 12 Day of Februery and in the thirteenth year of his majests Reign A D 1773

Thos Cowdin, Amos Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

[83] Worceſtr ſs

In obediance to this warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitents qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to afsemble and meet at ye meeting house fd Town on mondy the first Day of march A D 1773

Soloman Steward Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled march the 1 1773

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Chos Capt David Goodridge moderator

2ly Chose Thos Cowdin amos Kimball David Goodridge Ebenezer Woods & Ebenezer Bridge . . Select men

3ly Choſe Thos Cowdin Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

4ly Chose Thos Cowdin Town Treaſurer . . . Town Treaſurer

5ly Chose Joſeph Low Constable . . . . . Constabl

6ly The Town axcepted of Aſe Perrey in Joſeph Lows Rume as a hierd man in ſd Joſeph Lows Rume to serve as Cunstable . . . . . Cunstable

7ly Chose Elijah Carter & William Thurlo . Wardens

8ly Chose John Thurston & Phinehas Sawyer Jur Tyethen men

9ly Chose Elijah Gafield John Thurston Jonathan Wood Silos Snow & mr Phinehas Sawyer & Ebenezer Woods to be Survaers of high ways and also Colectors of high way Taxes . . . . . Survars of high ways

10ly Chose John Buſs & Ruben Smith . . Der Reves

11ly Chose Ruben Gibson Jur & Joſhua Parc . . fier wards

12ly Chose Elijah Gafield & Hezekiah Hodgkins . Hog Reves

13ly Chose Soloman Steward Survar of Clabord & Shingels . . . . . Clabords & Shingles

14ly Chose Jonathan Wood Survaer of hups & Staves . . . . . hupes & Staves

15ly Chose David Goodridge & Thos Cowdin . . fence Vuers

16ly Chose William Thurlo . . . . Sealer of Lether

[84] 17ly Voted & Rased Eighty pounds to be workt out on the high ways and that ſom be workt out & Completed by the first of novembr next or the person or prsons Delinquant in Completing his or their part in work ſhall be obliged to pay the whole or Remainding part in money to the Coletor and that the money be workt out in the uesal maner £80 0 0

18ly Voted that all the old ſurvaers that have not Completed their Coleton in work are orderd by the Town of fitchburgh to Se that they Complet by the Last of June next or to Colect the money that Remains from those

persons that have not workt out their part by the f[d] Last of June and pay f[d] mone to the Town Treasurer

19[ly] Chose Amos Kimball Thos Cowdin & David Goodridge to be a Committe to Take Care of Bridges and Se that they are Repard . . . .

20[ly] axcepted of the Town Treafurers aCounts and that we find Remainding in m[r] Witts hands twenty Eight pounds & two pene £28 00 2

We also find Remainding in Soloman Stewards hands one hundred and thirty two pounds ten fhilings & three pence £132-10-3

We also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer hath paid out of his owne money over & above what he hath Receyd of the Cunstable thirty Six pounds . . £36 0-0

21[ly] axcepted of a Two Rod Road for to Conven oliver Stickne & Joſeph Gray & Ephriam marten and others

22[ly] axcepted of a two Rod Road for to Conven Samuel Downes & other provided Jeſse french & Daniel Farwell will Give the Land Where f[d] Rod Gows through their Land and not other ways . . . .

[85] 23[ly] Voted that the feffors order the high way furvaers to work on the Road where it Gows through m[r] Jedigidiah Collens Land til they Com to Leominstor Line

24[ly] Voted and axepted of the Road Through Samuel Downes Land from the new Bridge to Joseph Downes Land and the Land Given by mr Samuel Downe . . .

25[ly] Voted to alter the Road Through Nichlos Danforth Land

26[ly] Voted to alow m[r] Iſaiah Witt foure pounds ten Shilings & Eight pene to board m[rs] Hart wone whole year & so in proportion in Caſe ſhe ſhould not Live til the year is Expird . . . . . paid £4 – 10 – 8

27[ly] Voted that the Swine Run at Large being yokt & Ringd acording to Law . . . . .

Fitchburgh Februery the 27 1773

we have Laid out a 2 Rod Road begining where Joſeph Grays & Ephriam martens Corner Joyns to abraham Willards Land Runing notherdly as the Line Runs betwixt Joſeph Grays & Ephriam martens Land the 2 Rods for the

Road taken off Ephriam martens Land then making an angle where the corner of Joſeph Grays & Ephriam martens & moſes Worftrs & oliver Sticknes Land all meets at one Stake & Stones.

*Then Runing Easterdly as the Line Runs betwixt Joſeph Grays Land & oliver Sticknes Land til it Coms to Land Caled the Wido Whitcombs Land and the Whole of the two Roads for the Road taken off Joſeph Grays Land—then Runing Easterdly as the Line Runs be Twixt oliver Sticknes Land & the Wido Whitcombs til it Coms to Land now ownd by Thoˢ Carter of Lunenburgh and the Land for the two Rods for the Road taken off oliver Sticknes Land in Caſe the hairs of the Wido Whitcomb will not give the one half for the Road then the whole of the Road to be Given by oliver Stickne — — Then Through fᵈ Carters Land til it Coms to the Town Road Laid out Through fᵈ Carters Land when ownd by Ezekel Fouler which was Given for a Town Road by Ezekel Fouler

Thos Cowdin, John Thurston, Amos Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

We Each of us Give the Land

Ephraim marten
Joſeph Gray
oliver Stickne

[86] We the Subscribors Select men for the Town of Fitchburgh herby appoint you Samuel Down Silos Snow & Daniel Farwell to be a Committe to Lae out a Two Rod Road from the Town Road by Daniel Farwells through fᵈ Daniel Farwells Land to Land of Jeſse Frenches ſo through fᵈ frenches Land to Land of Samuel Downes ſo through fᵈ Downes Land to Land of Joſeph Downes and make Return to the Town at or before the first Day of march next

Fitchburgh Decembr the 23 1772

Thoˢ Cowdin, Amos Kimball } Select men for Fitchbrgh

*Old location road now called Sheldon Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

Fitchburgh Febuery the 28 1773

In obedeane to the within order we have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at a Large Rock upon the north side of the Town Road at the End of Daniel Farwells Lane Runing northerdly Through fd farwells Land til it Coms to Land of Jefse Frenchs then Turning westerdly Through fd frenches Land to the River where the new Bridge is Latly Built then over the River Through Land of Samuel Downs til it coms to Land of Jofeph Downes & markt the Trees on the South Sid of fd Road

Silos Snow
Daniel Farwell } Committe
Samuel Downe

To the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

Gentelmen where as their hath bin a Road Travled Through my Land Leding from oliver Davifes Land to Leomenstr Line which Land Lying in Fitchburgh and as the Town of Fitchburgh are Defiros that there Should be a Road Laid out through fd Land of myn I utterly Refuse to Give the Land or Consent that their Should be a Road Laid out and axcepted by the Town of Fitchburgh &c

[87] But I herby promis and Ingage that all persons having aney ocasion to Travel Through that part of my Land may pafs & Re pafs and that the Town of Fitchburgh may from Tme to Tim and at all Times Repare the Road where it is now Traveled at their own Expence when They think proper from This Time til I forbid their Traveling or Reparing fd Road as witnes my hand This Twelfth Day Februery ano Domony 1773 . . .

N B Gentelmen of the Town of Fitchburgh I meene to Give this privelige with out ane cost to fd Town of Fitchburgh

Jedidah Collins

Teft Thos Cowdin
Amos Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

The Town oficers Chofen into Town ofice Tuck the othes Requird by Law Sworn by the Town Clerk

The meeting Defolved David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[88] octobr the 25 1773

(Seale) Worceftr fs To mr afa Perrey Cunftable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In His majesties name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town afares to afemble & meet at the meeting house on monday the twenty fifth Day of this Inftant octobr at one o clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing artcles that is first to Chuse a moderator for the Goverment of f^d^ meeting . . . . .

2^ly^ to Rafe money to pay the Revrent m^r^ John Payson his Salary for the year 1773 . . . . .

3^ly^ to Rafe money to provide a Scool or Scools or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they Shall think proper . . . . .

4^ly^ to See what method the Town will take to provide m^r^ Paysons Wood the year Infuing . . . . .

5^ly^ to have all thofe persons that have Done serves for the Town bring in their acounts and Rafe money to pay the fame . . . . .

6^ly^ to Rafe money to pay the Towns Committes for Bulding the Bridges the year paft . . . .

7^ly^ to fee if the Town will axept of what the Towns Committe hath Done in Deviding the quarters of the Town in order for Keeping a Scool or Scools and Vote aney thing Refering there to as they fhall think proper . . .

Here off fale not and make Return of this warrant to Sume one of us the the Subscribors at or be fore the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seals this Eighth Day of octobr A D 1773 and in the thirteenth year of his majests Rigne

Thos Cowdin
Amos Kimball
David Goodridge
Ebenezer Woods
} Select men for Fitchburgh

Worceſtr ſs In obediance to the within written Warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at Time and place within mentned

Fitchburgh octobr the 25 1773

Aſa Perry Cunſtable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh aſembled octobr the 25 Day A D 1773

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Choſe Capt David Goodridge moderator . . .

2ly Voted to Raſe Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shilings and for pene to to pay mr Payson his Salorey . £66 13 – 4

3ly Voted to Raſe twenty pounds for a Scool . 20 0 0

4ly Voted and Choſe Kindall Boutall Phinehas Sawyer and Iſaac Gibson be a Committe to provide a Scool or Scools and that the Scool money be Laid out as it was Last year

[89] 5ly Voted that Inſin Jonathan Wood find and provide thirty Coards of Good wood for mr Payson for one whole year from the first Day of Decembr next and bring fd thirty coards of wood to mr Paysons house and that the Town pay fd Wood for the thirty Coard of wood foure pounds £4 0 0

6ly Voted to aloue Decon Kimball his a Count . . . . . paid 00 10–0 pd

7ly Voted to pay Joſeph Sawyer his acount . . . . . pd 00 14 4 pd

8ly Voted to aloue Joſeph Fox his acount paid 1 6 0

9ly Voted to aloue Ephm Kimball his acount . . . . . paid 00 18–3 pd

10ly Voted to aloue Iſaiah Witt his a Count . . . . . paid 00 7 4 pd

11ly Voted to aloue Capt Goodridge his a Count . . . . . paid 00 3 0 pd

12ly Voted to aloue Thos Cowdin his acount . . . . . paid 1 17–6 pd

13ly Voted to aloue the Towns Committe for Bulding and mending the Bridges . . . . . paid 44 2 10

Voted to Rase ten pounds to Defra Town Charges 10 0 0

14ly Voted to aloue James Gray his acount . . . . . paid 00 2 5 pd

15ly Voted not ot axepte of the Towns Commites Report in quartring the Scols

Voted The meeting Disolvd

David Goodridg moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Decembr the 1 1773

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To mr aſa Perry Cunstable for the of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majestys name you are hereby Required to Warne all the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh quallifyed by Law to Vote in Town afares to aſsemble and meet at the meeting house on Wensday the first Day of December next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to to act on the folowing articles . . . . .

1ly to Chueſe a moderator for the Goverment of ſaid meeting . . . . .

2ly Rase mony to Defray the Town Charges to be aſseſsed the preſent year

3ly to See Whether the Town will Take aney notis of the Letrs Sent to the Town of fitchburgh by the Town Clerk of Boſton or vote aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to Sum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hand and Seale this fifteenth Day of novembr and in the fourteenth year of his majestys Reign A D 1773

Thos Cowdin
Amos Kimball
Ebenr Woods
Ebenr Bridge
} Select men for Fitchburgh

[90] Worceſter ſs In obediane to the within written warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at time and place within mentioned

Fitchburgh Decembr the 1 1773 Aſa Perry Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled Decembr the 1 1773

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Chofe Ifaac Gibson moderator . . .

2ly Raifed Sixty fouer pounds to Defray the Town Charges £64 1 8

3ly Voted to act on the Letters or Requests of the Town of Bofton Sent to the Town of Fitchburgh . . .

4ly Chofe Ifaac Gibson Capt Ruben Gibson Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer Woods Kindall Boutall Ebenezer Bridg Soloman Steward to be a Committe to Draw up and Report to the Town of Fitchburgh a Draft of our Rights & privligs as free members of Sofiety: In order to make Return to the Town of Bofton or to the Committe of Correfpondc at Bofton . . . . .

5ly Votted that this meeting be a Jurned to the fifteenth Day of this Inftant Decembr at one O Clock in the after noon . . . . .

6ly Decembr the 15 1773 the Town being meet by an a Jurnment

the Report being Red and axcepted by the Town Voted that the Report be Recorded in the Town Book of Records

7ly Votted that ye Report conserning Late Troble at Bofton ocasioned by the Late teas being brot fubject to a Duty payd in this Coloney and Landed be Returnd to the Committe of Coryspond at Boston

8ly Votted that the Town Clerk Give an attested coppy to the fd Commitee to be Communicated to the Commitee for the Town of Bofton Decembr the 15 1773

Ifaac Gibson moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

At a Legal Town meeting in Fitchburgh on the first Day of Decembr 1773 In order to Take into Confideration the letters of Corrafpondency from the Town of Bofton: the Town made Choice of mr Ifaac Gibson as moderator for the Goverment of fd meeting . . Then fd Letors ware Red before the Town: & after the Town had Dilibrated there on with Zeal and candor unanasmly agreed to Chues a Committe of Seven men & Chose mr Ifaac Gibson Capt Ruben Gibson mefsceurs Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer

of Government from the first Instant the Committee reported as followeth —
Having with great Satisfaction perused the circular Letters from the Committee
of Correspondence for the Town of Boston wherein are so clearly held forth our
Rights & Priviledges as English men & Christians and also a List of the many
Infringements that have been made thereon which Letters of Correspondence
we highly approve of & unanimously consent unto and resolve to stand fast in the Liberty
and Right wherewith our Gracious Sovereign King have made us free by an unalterable
able Charter & Decree from them their Heirs & Successors for ever — And we are
fully perswaded that Liberty is a most precious Gift of God our Creator to all
Mankind and is of such a Nature, that no Person or Community can justly part
with it, and consequently no Man or Number of Men can have a Right to enslave
Despotism or Tyranny over their Fellow Creatures, and to save us from such extreme
wickedness we believe the Vigilance & combind Endeavours of this People are necessary,
and we hope through the favor of divine Providence will be Effectual; And we think
it our indispensable Duty as Men, English men and Christians to make the most
publick Declaration in our Power on the Side of Liberty we have inclined on Resolves
to be known to the World and to posterity as Friends to Liberty, And we ~~Resolve~~
~~our Duty as this Occasion is~~ Behalf of ~~Ourselves and our dear Country to~~
express our unfeigned Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of
Boston for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their
Circular Letters & their many generous Efforts in the Defence of our
Priviledges & in the Cause of Liberty & in our earnest Prayers to Almighty
God that they may be animated still to proceed, & prosper in such a
Noble & Generous design, & finally may they receive the most Ample &
durable Reward — And that these Resolves be recorded in our Town
Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk give an attested Copy to the Sd
Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of
Boston . . . . . .

And with Respect to the East India Tea — Tea as much as we are
now informed that the Town of Boston & the Neighbouring Towns have made
such a Noble Opposition to Sd Tea being brought into Boston Subject to a
Duty so directly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion
that your Opposition is Just & equitable and that the People of this Town are
ready to afford all Assistance in their power to keep off all such Infringements

~~Thos Crafts~~ } Town
Clerk

desire to use all proper Means in our contracted Sphere to Monisht it And we
are necessitated to view the Enemies of Liberty, as Enemies of our Lawfull
Soveign King George & his Illustrious Family, because Tyranny & Slavery
are fundamentally repugnant to the British Constitution; But in Defence
our present Thoughts & Resolutions, we are moved by a principle of Humanity
& Benevolence to the People of Britain, whose Happiness is so involved with
ours that Oppressions and Depredations inflicted on us by tyrannical
Govern[illegible] must be essentially detrimental to them we therefore

Woods Ebenezer Bridge Kindall Boutall Solomon Steward as a Committe to conſider of our Conſtitutinal Rights and previlegas in common with other Towns in this provanc to gether with the maney flagrant Infringements that have been made thereon and to report at the Adjornment and then the Meeting was adjornd to the fifteenth Inſtant . . At a legol Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh on Wednesday the fifteenth of Decembr 1773 [91] by Adjornment from the first Inſtant the Committee reported as followeth——

Having with Great Satiſfaction perused the circular Letters from the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston wherein are so clearly held forth our Rights & Privilidgs as English-men & Christians and alſo a List of the many Infringements that have been made Thereon which Letters of Correſpondence we highly appove of & unanimously consent unto and refolvd to stand fast in the Liberty and Rights where with our Gracious Sovereign Kings have made us free by an undeniable Charter & Decree from them their Heirs & Succeſsors for ever— And we are fully perswaded that Liberty is a most preasous Gift of God our Creator to all Mankind and is of ſuch a Nature, that no Person or Community can Justly part with it, and consequently no Man or Number of Men can have a Right to exerciſe Deſpotism or Tyranney over their Fellow Creatures; and to save us from such extreme Wretchedneſs we believe the Vigilance & combin,d Endeavors of this People are neceſsary and we hope through the favor of divine Providence will be Effectual; And we think it our indiſpensable Duty as Men, Englishmen and Christians to make the most publick Declaration in our Power on the Side of Liberty we have indeed an Ambition to be known to the World and to Posterity as Frends to Liberty, And we

*[Think it our Duty on this Occaſion in Behalf of Ourselves and our dear Country to expreſs our unfeigned

*a mistake from this mark [A marginal note, referring to the matter enclosed in brackets.—W. A. D.]

Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of Boston for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their Circular Letters & their many generous Efforts in the Defence of our Previledges, & in the Cause of Liberty & in our earneſt Prayers to Almighty God that they may be animmated Still to proceed, & prosper in ſuch a Noble & Generous Deſign, & finally may they receive the moste Ample & durable Reward . . . And that these Reſolves be recorded in our Town Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk Give an attested Copy to the ſd Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correſpondence for the Town of Boston . . .

And with Respect to the East Indea Tea—For as much as we are now inform,d that the Town of Boston & the Neighboureng Towns have made such Noble Oppositon to ſd Tea being brought into Boston Subject to a Duty so derectly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion that your Opposition is Just & equitable and the people of this Town are ready to afford all Aſsistance in their power to keep off all such Infringement]

deſire to use all proper Means in our Contracted Sphere to promote it and we are neceſsitated to veiue the Enemias of Liberty, as Enemias of our lawfull Sovreign King George & his Illewstrious Family, beause Tyranny & Slavery are fundementally repugnant to the Briteſh Constitution; But in declaring our present Thoughts & Reſolutions, we are mov,d by a principle of Humanity & Benevolence to the people of Brittain, whose Happineſs is so involved with ours, that the Oppreſssors and Depredations indued on us by tyrannical Governments must be eſsentially detrementol to Them we therfor [92] earnestly supplicate the Deity to preſerve them from political Lethargy & so from the most shamfull & miserable Bondage and we are fond of having our little obscure Names aſsociated with our American Brethren as Instreements in the hand of God, to save Brittain from that compleat Diſtruction which is now meditating, and is visibly impending; we wiſh therefore our Country men to Join with us in praying for a Spirit of Reformation, on the Inhabitants both of England & America because Reighteousneſs is the

Exaltation and Glory of any Society—And we humbly hope that our being so late in giving our Sentiments upon Affairs so deeply interesting to the American Colonies in general, and to this Provience in particular, will not be imputed to our being unaffected with the alarming & unconstetutonal Incroachments that have been made upon our civel Rights & Priviliges; for we afsure you, we will not be wanting at all Times according to our Small Abelity in procuring & promoting all lawfull & constitutional Measures, proper for the Continuance of all our Rights & Privelidges both civil & religious; And we think it our Duty on this Occafion in Behalf of Our selves, and our dear Cuntry to expreſs our unfeigned Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of Boſton for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their Cereular Letters & their many Generous Efforts in the Defence of our Priveledges & in the Cause of Liberty & in our earnest Prayers to Almighty God that they may be animated still to proceed, & prosper in such a Noble & Generous Deſign, & finally may they receive the most Ample & Durable Reward——And that these Reſolves b recorded in our Town Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk Give an attested Copy to the ſ^d^ Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correſpondence for the Town of Boſton . . . . .

And with Reſpect to the East Indy Tea For as much as we are now informd that the Town of Boſton & the Neighbouring Towns have made Such Noble Opposition to ſ^d^ Teas being brought into Boston Subject to a Duty so derectly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion that your Opposition is Just & equitable and the People of this Town are ready to afford all the Aſsistance in their power to Keep off all such Infringements

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[93] , March the 1 1774

(Seale) Worceſter ſs To mr Aſa Perry cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majesties name you are Reqnird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town afares to aſsemble

and meet at the meeting house on monday the Seventh Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the folowing articles . . . . .

1ly to chues a moderator for Goverment of fd meeting

2ly Chuese Select men and other Town oficers for the year Insuing

3ly to Raise money to mend the Roads & bridges the year Insuing and Vote aney thing Referring there to as they fhall think proper

4ly to See if the Town will axcept of Such Roads as fhall be Laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

5ly to See if the Town will Discontinue the Road Laid from mr Nehemiah fullers to the old Road by mr afa Perrys house . . . . .

6ly to See if the Town will abate fuch Rates as fhall be Laid before the Town . . . . .

7ly to Raife money to fuport mrs Hart or Vote aney thing Refering there to as they fhall think proper . . .

8ly to Se if the Town will axcept of the Town Treafurers acounts as they Stand Setled by the Select men . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to Sume one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this twenty first Day of February and in the fourteenth yeare of our Sovrin King George the third A D 1774

Thos Cowdin
David Goodridge
Amos Kimball
Ebenezer Woods
Ebenezer Bridge
} Select men for Fitchburgh

Worceftr fs In obediance to the within warrant I have warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town by Poasting a warning up at the meeting hous Door

Fitchburgh march the 4 1774 Afa Perry Cunftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh afembled march the 7 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[94] firſtly Choſe Decon amos Kimball moderator . .

2ly Voted to Chues five Select men . . .

3ly Choſe Iſaac Gibson & Ebenezer Woods & Phinehas Hartwel and James Poole and Joſeph Walker Select men

4ly Choſe Thos Cowdin Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

5ly Choſe Thos Cowdin Town Treaſurer . . . Town Treaſurer

6ly Choſe Kindall Boutall for the ſouth ſide of the Town and

7ly Ebenezer Bridge for the north ſide Cunstables . Cunstable

8ly Choſe Elijah Gafield & Soloman Steward . Wardens

9ly Chose Daniel Farwell and maximilion Jewitt . Tythen men

10ly Chose John Buſs Zacriah Whitney Samuel Parce & Kindall Boutall & Ruben Smith and Jonathan Page & Jonathan Hunt Survaers of high ways and that the high way Taxes be workt out in the uesal maner and that the Survaers be Colectors to Colect the taxs . . . Survaers of high ways

11ly Chose Nichlos Danforth and Joſhua Parce to be Deere Reves

12ly Chose John Buſs and Ebenezer Thurſten to be . fier wards

13ly Chose David Parce & Ruben Gibson Jur and John Carter and Jonathan Cummins and Jonathan Holt . Hog Reves

14ly Chose Soloman Steward to be Survaer of Shingels & Clabords . . . . . Shingels & Clabords

15ly Choſe Jonathan Wood Survaer of hops and Staves . . . . . Suvar of hoops & Staves

16ly Choſe Capt David Goodridge & Thos Cowdin ſens Vuers . . . . . ſens Vuers

17ly Chose William Thurlo Sealer of Lether . Sealer of Lether

[95] 18ly Raiſed Eighty Pounds to mend the high ways & that ſum be work out in the ſame maner as Last year £80 0 0

19ly Choſe Jonathan Wood and Joſeph Walker & Decon Amos Kimball to be a Committe to take Care of the

Bridges the year Insuing and to Repair or buield as they Judge most for the Intrest of the Town . . .

20ly axepted of a bridel Road begining at Thos Cowdins house through fd Cowdins Land til it Coms to the Gate then through mr Joſeph Lows Land til it Coms to mr Lows house then turns and Runs through fd Land by his barn til it Coms to Land of Thos Cowdins that fd Cowdin bought of Colon William Brown of Salom and the the privlige of a bridel Road Given by fd Low and fd Cowdin with out aney charge to the Town . . . . .

21ly axepted of a 2 Road Road begining at John Carters Land Runing from fd Carters Land through mr Ezra Uptons Land til it Coms to the County Road and axepted of the Road upon the Towns Cost provided that mr Ezra Upton will not Give the Land for fd Road and markt the trees on the ſouth ſide of fd Road

22ly axepted of a 2 Road Road begining at the Line betyen Phnihas Browns Land and Nathan Badcoks Land Runing through fd Badcocks Land til it Coms to the Corner of Jonathan Pages Land where mr Andrew olivers Land Joyns to fd Jonathen Pages Land one Rod on mr olivers Land & one Rod on Jonathan Pages Land til it Coms to the Corner be twixt Jonathan Page and abraham farwell Land and markt the trees on the ſouth ſide of fd Road and axeepted of fd Road if the Land is Given by the owners of the Land

Thos Cowdin
Amos Kimball
David Goodridge
Ebenezer Woods
Ebenezer Bridge
} Select men for Fitchburgh

[96] 23ly Voted not to Discontinue the Road Leding from mr Nehemiah Fullers by mr aſa Perys house

24ly Voted to abated francis Fullams ſuns Pole Tax in mr Iſaac Gibsons List for the year 1767 being one pound two ſhilings and nine pene . . . . . pd 1 2 9

25ly abated Jacob Gibſons Rats in mr aſa Perrys List which is Eighteen ſhilings & ſix pene . . . . pd 0 18 6

26ly Voted to allow maximilion Jewett five pounds foure ſhilings for boarding mrs Hart one whole year and so in proporton in Caſe ſhe ſhould not Live one whole year . . . . . £5-4-0 pd

Lunenburgh may 20 1774 Dr John Taylor Sir as you (hon^d by
the Town of Lunenburg & Fitchburgh to Represent them in the Great
& General Court for the present year. we think it our Duty under the
present alarming circumstances of publick affairs to give the following
Instructions — Viz^t that you bare Your Testimony against all Riotous
pratices and all other unconstitutional proceedings and that you do not
by any means whatsoever either directly or indirectly give up any of
our Charter rights & privelidges and that you use your Endeavours that
those that we have been abridged of may be restored to us & that you use
your influence that provision be made for the discountinuance of all
un warrantable pratices with Respect to bribery in those that set
them selves up as candidates for Representatives for the people either by
the way of Treats or Entertainments which may have bin too
frequent a pratice in many places & further we would have you
move in the General Assembly that there might be a Congress
and union with all the provinces & in case any thing Extraordinary
Should happen or appear that you Should Immediately notify your
Constituents there are many things of Lesser Importance that
we must Leave discretionary with your Self Trusting that you
will Often Revolve in your mind how great a Trust is Devolved
upon you & that you give Constant attendance So farr as you
are able to the business to which you are appointed & we hope
that you will be actuated by a Spirit of Impartiality free from
privat views and Sinister Ends & that the above be Recorded in the
Records of the Town of Lunenburgh & Fitchburgh

William Stearns
George Kimball
Isaac Gibson
Phinehas Farwell
John Fullen
(Committee)

Thos Goodwin Town Clerk

27ly Voted and axepted of Phinehas Sawyer Jur to ſerve Cunstable in Kindall Boutalls and Ebenezer Bridges Rume or ſtead . . . . .

28ly Voted and axepted of the Town Treaſurers a Counts as they ſtand ſetled by the Select men &c

Fitchburgh February the 21 1774 Then Reend with Thos Cowdin Town Treaſurer and we find Due in mr Soloman Stewards hands forty three pounds three ſhilings & ten pene one farthen . . . . . £43 : 3 : 10 : 1

we also find in mr aſa Perrys hands . 155 : 4 - 0

we also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treaſurer hath paid over and a bove what he hath Reevd of the Cunstables 5 18 8 3

The meeting Disolved

Amos Kimball moderator

and the Town oficers tuck the oaths Requird by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[97] Lunenburgh may the 20 1774 Dr John Taylor Sir as you Choſen by the Town of Lunenburg & Fitchburgh to Repreſent them in the Grat & General Court for the preſent year—we think it our Duty under the preſent alarming Circumstances of publick affairs to Give the following Instructions) -- Viz that you bare Due Teſtimony against all Riotous pratices and all other unconſtitutional proceedings and that you do not by aney means whatſoever either directly or indirectly Give up aney of our Charter rights & priveliges and that you uſe your Endeavors that those that we have been abridged of may be reſtored to us & that you use your Influence that provision be made for the discountenancing all un warrantable practices with Reſpect to bribery in thoſe that Set them Selves up as Candidates for Representatives for the people either by the way of Treats or Entertainments which may have bin too frequant a practice in many places & further we would have you move in the General aſſembly that there might be a Congreſs and union with all the provinces & in caſe aney thing Extraordinary ſhould happen or appear that you ſhould immediately notify your Conſtituants; there are maney

things of Lefser Importance that we must Leave Discretionary with your Self Trufting that you will Often Revolve in your mind how Grate a Truft is Devolved upon you & that you Give Conftante attendance So fare as you are able to the bufinefs to which you are appointed & we hope that you will be actuated by a Spirit of Impartiality free from privat Views and Sinister Endes—& that the above be Recorded in the Records of the Towns of Lunenburgh & Fitchburgh

William Stearns
George Kimball
Ifaac Gibson
Phinehas Hartwell
John Fuller
} Committe

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[98] october the 4 1774

(Seale) Worcefter fs To Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunftable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

In his majestis name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitance of the town of Fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to Afsemble and meet at the meeting Houfe in Fitchburgh on Tuefday the fourth Day of october next att nine o clock in the foer noon then and their being Duly meet and formd to act on the following articles . . . . .

1ly to Chufe a moderator to govern fd meeting . . .

2ly to vote mr Payfons Salery . . . . .

3ly to Raife money to provide Schooling . . .

4ly to See what meathod the Town will provide wood for mr Payson . . . . .

5ly to fee if the Town will allow the Committes acoumpts for building the new Bridge . . . . .

6ly to Raife money for building sd Bridg and other nefsefary Charges . . . . .

7ly to See if the Town will acxept the Report of the Committe Chofen to Recon with the Town Treafurer . .

8ly to See if the Town will Chufe a committe to Provide Schooling or act anything Refering their to . . .

9ly to See if the Town will acxept of aney acounts for Servies Doun for fd Town . . . . .

10ly to See if Towne will Chuse a Committe to attende the Provenſhall Convention at Concord on the 2 Tuſday in october . . . . .

Here of faile not & make Due Return of your Doings here on to ſum one of us on or before the above Day Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth Day of Septembr A D 1774 and in the 14 year of his majestis Regn

11ly Notice is herby Given to the Company in This Town to aſsemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tuesday the 4 Day of octobr next at one o clock in the after noon to Chuſe officers for fd Town & Company of Traning Solders

Joſeph Walker James Pool Iſaac Gibson Phinehas Hartwell Ebenr Woods	Select men for Fitchburgh

[99] Worceſter ſs octobr the 4 1774

by vertiue of this warrant I have warned all the Free holders & other Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town meetings, to meet at the time and place as is within pur fixt . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunſtable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled october the 4 A D 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Voted and Choſe Capt David Goodridge moderator

2ly voted to Rase ſixty ſix pounds thirteen ſhilings and foure pene to pay mr John Payson his Salory the year past £66 13 4

3ly voted to Rase twenty pounds to provide a Scool, and to ad what Scool money Remains yet not Laid out that was Raised the Last year to the twenty pounds now Raisd to be Laid out in providing a Scool or Scools 20 0 0

4ly voted & Chose Capt David Goodridge & Capt Ruben Gibson Ebenezer Woods & Joſeph Polley & Decon Amos Kimball to be a Committe to provide a Scool marſter or marſters

5ly voted that the Scool money be Laid out as it was Last year

6ly voted that Roger Biglo find & provide thirty Coards of Good wood for the Revrant mr John Payson won whole year begining at the first Day of December next. the wood is to be Corded up at mr Paysons house a Cording to Law and that the Town pay Roger Bigelo for fd wood £4: 14: 8:

7ly voted and axcepted of the Towns Committes acounts for Building the Bridg Caled Capt Goodridges Bridg which is fourty pounds 17 fhilings . £40 17 0 paid

8ly Raised fourty pounds 17/ to pay for Building the bridge

9ly voted and axepted of the Town Treafurers a Counts as they Stand Setled by the Towns Committe, that is we find Due in mr Soloman Stewards hands . . . £33 2 5

we also find Due in mr Afe Perres hands . . 94 5 8

10ly voted and acxepted of Capt David Goodridgs a Count which is . . . . . 00 3 0 pd

11ly voted and acxepted of Thos Cowdins a Count which is . . . . . 1 5 0 pd

12ly voted and alowd Kindall Boutall his a Count which is . . . . . 1 10 0 pd

13ly voted and alowed Ebenezer Woods his a Counts which is . . . . . 1 10 0 pd

14ly voted and alowed Ifaac Gibson his acount for taking care of Edward Scoot which is . . . . 2 8 0 pd

[**100**] 15ly voted to Chufe a Committe to attend the proventall Congrafs at Concord the 2 tuesday of october Inftant

16ly voted and Chofe Capt David Goodridge to Joyn the Congrafs at Concord . . . . .

17ly voted thatt all the quarters of the Town that Dont See that their part of the Scool money that is not Scooled out within the year be Returnd in to the Towns Stoke

18ly voted to pay the Select men for providing the Town with powder & Led & flints their acount which is £14 4 0

19ly voted & Rase five pounds to Defray Town Charges 5 0 0

20ly Total Sum voted and Raised by the Town is £158 5 0

The meeting Desolved David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunſtable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . .

In His majeſtyes name you are Required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyed by Law to vote in town affairs to aſsemble & meet at the meeting house on Tueſday the twelfth Day of July next at two of the Clock in the after noon then and their being Duly meet and formd to act on the following articales . . . . .

1ly to Chuſe a modirator for Goverment of ſd meeting

2ly to See if the Town will Raiſe the money that was not Leagually aſseſt on the Inhabitants of ſd Town in the year one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three or vote or act aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3ly to See if the town will Chuſe a committy to Recon with the Town Treaſurer & make a Return at the fall meeting . . . . .

4ly to See if the town will take into Conſideration the Late papers Sent to this Town Relating to our publick affairs and Distrest Circumſtances in this provance & to act aney thing Relating there to as they ſhall think proper

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to ſum one of us at or before the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands and Sceal this twenty fourth Day of June and in the fourteenth year of his majests Reign King George the third A D 1774

Iſaac Gibson
Joſeph Walker
James Pool
Phinehas Hartwell
} Select men for Fitchburgh

[101] Worceſter ſs July the 12 1774

By Vertue of this warrant I have warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place as is within perfixt . . . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh aſſembled July the 12 1774

1ly Choſe mr Iſaac Gibson moderator . . .

2ly Voted and paſed over the 2 artele Til the ajurnment

3ly Voted to Chuese a Committe to Settle with the Town Treaſurer

4ly Choſe Capt David Goodridge & Ebenezer Woods & Ebenezer Bridg be a Committe to Recne with the Town Treaſurer and make Report at the falle meeting . . .

5ly Voted to Raſe the money to Suporte the Congras be Colected by a Contrebution, and if their be aney over and above, the money that is the over plush ſhall be Laid out provide a Towns Stoke of powder . . . .

6ly Voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the ninth Day of auguſt next at 2 o clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Auguſt the 9 1774 meet on the Day to which the meeting was a Jurnd and the meeting opned . . .

1ly Voted to Signe the Covenant . . . . .

2ly Voted to ajurn the Town meeting til the 26 Day of September next at 2 o clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

September the 26 1774 then the Town meet on the Day to which the meeting was a Jurnd and the meeting opned

1ly Voted to ajurn the Town meeting til the firſt Tuesday of october next at Eleven o clock in the fouer noon

Thos Cowdin Tow Clerk

[102] October the 4 1774 the Town meeting opned on the Day to which it was ajurnd to . . .

1ly Voted and ajurnd for one ouer &c . . .

2ly Voted and acxepted of Ebenezer Woods as Capten and . . . . . Ebenezer Bridge first Liut Liuftanent and . . . . . Joſeph Fox 2 Liftanent and . . . . . Kindall Boutall Inſign

3ly Voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the first Tueſday of November next at three o Clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Novembr the 1 1774 then the Town meeting opend by the moderator and the Town Clerk only those persons present and Continud the Town meeting til the 22 Day of this Inſtant November at three o Clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Novembr the 22 1774 the Town meeting not opend becuse now perſon belonging to the Town apeard upon the Day to which the meeting was Continued

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburg March the 29th 1770

we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of fitchburg Having Conſidred the Eſtate and Preſent Circumſtances of mr David Goodell & his family & alſo the Eſtate of mr David Goodell Jur and his family and upon Delibret Conſideration think it proper & Prudent for the intereſt of the town not to admitt either of the above famileys as town Inhabitance & we the subscribers Absolutely Refuſe to admitt them or Either of them as Inhabitance witneſs our hands

Thomas Cowden, David Goodridge, John White } Selectmen for fitchburg

Entred on the Town Book By order of the select men of fitchburgh Collected from other writings of uſe a mongst the town papers

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[103] November the 17 1774

Worcefter fs to Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunftable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majastes name you are herby required to warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of youer Town quallifyed by Law to vote in Town affairs to aſsemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thurſday the Seventeenth Day of this Inſtant November at twelve o clock . . . . .

1ly to chuese a moderator to Govern fd meeting . .

2ly to take in to Conſideration one of the provenſiall Congreſs reſolves in order to inlist one quarter parte of the Traning Soldirs at Least to be at a minits warning and to See what Incoregment the town will Give their minnet men that ſhall Inlist after they are called upon aney amergancy or act aney thing refering there to as they shall think proper . . . . .

3ly to See what method the Town will come into with regard to Edward Scott or act aney thing refering there to . . . .

4ly to See what Inſtructions the town will give the Cunſtables of this town with regard to paying in the province Rate or act aney thing refering there to . . .

Here of fale not to make Return of this warrant to ſum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this 7 Day of November A D 1774 & in the fifteenth yeare of his majeſts Reign . . .

Joſeph Walker
Iſaac Gibson
Ebenezer Woods
} Select men for Fitchburgh

Worcester fs November the 17 1774

By vertue of this warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time & place as is within perfixt

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitanc of the Town of Fitchburgh aſembled November the 17 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Voted & Chose Capt David Goodridge moderator
2ly voted to Raiſe minett men . . . .
3ly voted to Inlist forty men Including oficers . . .
4ly voted to Chuefe three men to be a Committe to take Care of Edward Scott . . .
5ly voted & Chofe Ebenezer Bridge & phinehas Hartwell & Iſaac Gibson be a Committe to take Care of Edward Scott if need be . . . .
6ly voted to Indemnefy the Sevrall Cunſtables that have aney provane moneys in their hands from aney Coſt or Charges that may arise by meanse of their not paying the provane moneys to Harrison Gray Esq
[**104**] 7ly voted that the Severall Cunstables pay the provanc moneys acording to the provenſhall Congraſis orders
The Town meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs: to Phinahas Sawyer Junr Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . .
In his Majeſties Name you are hereby Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to aſsemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on tusday the tenth day of Jenuery next at ten O Clock in the fournoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles . . .
1ly to chuse a moderator to Govern said Meeting
2ly to see if the town will chuse one man or more to attend the Provential Congreſs at Cambridge on the first day of February next or vote any thing refering their too
3ly to see if the town will Chuse a committee of Inſpection according to the Continential and provinſials Congreſses Reſolves or act any thing refering their too as think proper . . . . .
4ly to see if the town will Indemnefy the Aſsefsors for not returning a Surteficut of the money aſsefst and the Conſtables name to the Province treaſury as Uſeal or act any thing refering their too

5ly to see if the town will take into their Conſideration sum method that all the town may Covenant together agreable to the Reſolves of the Continential Congreſs or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

6ly to see if the Town will Except of the Offercers and Soldiers in the minute Company that shall sign a covenant agreable to the Continential Congreſs or shuch a Covenant as the Town shall think proper when meet and to give those offerces and soldiers such Inſtructions as they shall think proper that shall sign said Covenant or vote any thing refering their too a they shall think proper . . .

7ly to see if the Town will take into Conſideration the State of the Standing Company in this Town in reſpect to filling up with offercers or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

8ly to see if the town will take into Conſideration the Suffering Circumſtances of the Poor people of Boston & in what method as they shall think proper . . . .

[**105**] Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent and your doings here on to sum one of us on or before the above said day given under our Hands and seal this twenty third day of December and in the fifteenth year of his Majeſties Reign Anno domini 1774

Joseph Walker
James Poole
Ebenr Woods
Phinahas Hartwell } Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs January 10th 1775

by virtue of this warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place as is within perfixt . . .

Phinahas Sawyer Jur Conſtable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitents of the town of Fitchburg aſsembled Januery 10th 1775

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Chose Mr Isaac Gibson moderator . . .

2ly Voted to chuse a Deligate to attend the provential Congreſs at Cambride the first day of February next . .

3ly Voted & chose Capt Goodridge to attend the provential Congrefs at Cambridge . . . . .

4ly voted to chuse a committee of Inſpection . . .

5ly voted to chuse as a Committee . . . . .

6ly voted & chose Mr Walker Capt Goodridge Capt Gibson Deacon Thurſtin and Capt Woods Solomon Steward & Joseph Polley

7ly voted to Indemnify the aſſeſsors for not Returning the Conſtables name to the Province Treaſurery as uſeal

8ly voted and Excepted of the Covenant bareing date the tenth day of Januery 1775

9ly voted and Excepted of the offercers & soldiers that have signed the Covenant or those that shall sign here after if offered

10ly voted to chuse a committy to veiw the minute Compenys arms . . . . .

11ly voted that Capt Goodridge & Mr Joseph Walker and Enſign Jona Wood be a Committee to veiw the minute Compeny . . . . .

12ly voted that Capt Woods fills up his Compeny as he and his Compeny shall think proper with Offercers . .

13ly voted that Joseph Fox be a Committee man to Receive any article that the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg may think proper to Contrabute towards the relief of the Poor of Boston . . . . .

[**106**] 14ly voted to adjorn this meeting till the march meeting

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

for the remainder of the proseedings of the town upon the adjornment see page 108

(Seal) Worceſter ſs to Phinahas Sawyer Junr Conſtable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

In His majesties name you are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the meeting house on munday the sixth Day march next at nine O Clock in the fore noon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles . . . . .

1ly to chuse a moderator to govern said meeting . . .

2ly to chuse Town offercers for the year infuing for said town as the Law Directs . . . . .

3ly to see if the town will Except of town Roads Laid out by the Select men or their order or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

4ly to se what method the town will provide for Mifs Hearts maintanence the year infuing or vote any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

5ly to see if the town will vote the Swine to run at Large this preafent year under the Regulation of the Law or vote any thing Refering there too as they think proper

6ly to Chuse a County treafury for the year Enfuing as the Law directs as recommended by the County Convention . . . . .

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day Given under our hands and Seal this Seventh day of February and In the fifteenth year of his Majefties Reign A D 1775

Isaac Gibson
Joseph Walker
Phinehas Hartwell
} Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs March ye 6th 1775—

by Virtue of this warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town to meet at the time and place as is within sett forth

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Conſtable

At a leagal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled March 6th 1775

1ly Chose Mr Isaac Gibson Moderator . . . .

2ly Chose Isaac Gibson first Select man . . .

3ly Chose Capt Ebnr Woods second Select man . .

4ly Chose Phinahas Hartwell third Select man . . .

[107] 5ly Chose Joseph Walker forth Select man . .

6ly Chose Kendol Boughtwell fifth Select man . . .

7ly Chose Joseph Fox Town Clark . . .

8ly Chose Jonathan Wood Town treafury . . .

9ly Chose Silas Snow Conſtable for the South side of the town of Fitchburg

10ly Chose Capt Ruben Gibson Conſtable for the North side . . . . .

11ly Chose Samuel Peirce & Deacon Thurstins wardens

12ly Chose James Poole & Benjamin Jaquith Tyethenmen . . . . .

13ly Chose Elijah Garfield & Aſa Perry & Thomas Stearns & Daniel Farwell & Deacon Thurstin & Jona Smith to be Survairs of high ways & Collectors of high way taxes . . . . .

14ly Chose Nicholas Danforth & Joshua Peirce to be Dear Reves . . . . .

15ly Chose John Buſs & Ebnr Thurſtin to be fire wards . . . . .

16ly Chose Zakariah Whitney David Peirce & Joseph Polley to be hog Reves . . . . .

17ly Chose Solomon Steward to be survair of Shingles & Clabbords . . . . .

18ly Chose Jonathan Wood to be survair of Hoops & Staves . . . . .

19ly Chose Joseph Walker & Deacon Thurstin to be fence vewers . . . . .

20ly chose William Thurlo to be Sealer of Lether . .

21ly Chose Joseph Walker to be sealer of Waits and meaſures . . . .

22ly Voted that the town of Fitchburg pay Mr James Poole five pounds to bord Miſs Hart one whole year & so in proportion provided she should not Live the year out . . . . . pd mr Poole

23ly Voted that the Swine Run at Large being Yoaked & ringd according to Law . . . . .

Fitchburg Februery 24th 1775

this Day Laid out by us the Subſcribers a road beginning at Mr Joseph Spoffords Corner on the North side of the road near the Brook and keeping a Crost sd Spoffords corner to Willm Thurlos Land then Runing on sd Thurlos Land by sd Spoffords Line to a peace of common Land

and then through s^d^ common to Ruben Gibson house and so through s^d^ Gibsons Land if wanted

Ebn^r^ Woods
Iſaac Gibson } Select men for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker

Fitchburg march 6th 1775

this road Excepted and given provided that the road that Leads from Benj^a^ Jaquiths Land to william Thurlos House be Diſcontinued

William Thurlo

24^ly^ the Town Meeting be Diſolved

Isaac Gibson moderator

The several town offercers took their oaths as is required by Law Joseph Fox town Clerk—

[**108**] March 6th 1775 meet according to adjornment the 10th of Januery 1775

15^ly^ Voted to provide forty Bayonets for the minute Compay for the Use of the town upon any Expedition and then to be returnd to the Town . . . . .

16^ly^ Voted that the Offercers of the minute Company be a committee that shall provide forty Bayonets for the Use of the town . . . . .

This meeting Diſolved Isaac Gibson moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worceſter ſs. To Silas Snow Conſtable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

In his majeſties name you are hereby required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to aſsemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on tusday the twenty first day of this Inſtant march att one O Clock in the after noon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles . . .

1^ly^ to chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2^ly^ to raise money to repair the high ways for the year Enſuing or act any thing refering their too . . .

3ly to Chuse a committee to Reckon with Capt Thomas Cowdin the late town treafury or act any thing refering their too

4 To see if the town will raise money for to pay for the bayonets for which their was a Committee chofen to provide said Bayonets at our anual march meeting 1775 or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

5ly To see if the town will chuse a man to Dig Graves or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

6ly to see if the town will difmifs Capt Ruben Gibson as Conftable & chuse sum other man in that part of the town in his rome or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant and your doings hereon to sum one of us on or before the above said day given under our hands & seal this sixth day of march and in the fifteenth year of his majefties Reign A D 1775

Joseph Walker
Iſaac Gibson
Ebnr Woods
Phinehas Hartwell
Kendal Boutell
} Select men for Fitchburg

Worcester fs. In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the free holders and other inhabitents of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place as is within perfixt

Silas Snow Conftable

[**109**] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled March 21st 1775

1ly Chose Capt David Goodridge Moderator . . . .

2ly Voted to Raise Eighty pounds to mend the highways and that the sum be workt out in the same manner as Last year . . . . .

3ly Voted to chuse a committee to reckon with Capt Thos Cowdin the late town treafury . . . .

4ly Voted to chuse Capt Ebnr Bridge one of the Committee to reckon with the late Treafury

5ly Voted to chuse Mr Phinahas Hartwell one of the Committee to reckon with the late treafury

6ly Voted to chuse Mr Joseph Walker one of the Committe to reckon with the late treafury . . . .

7ly Voted that the Select men give the Committee that was chofen to provide the Bayonets an order to draw the money out of the town treafury to pay for the Bayonets the Committee rendering an account . . . .

8ly Voted to chuse Mr Solomon Steward to Dig Graves

9ly Voted that this meeting be Difsolved

David Goodridge moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worcefter fs To Mr Reuben Gibson one of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . .

In his Majesties name you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote for a Repreſentative to afsemble and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the twenty second day of this Inſtant may at two O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formd to act on the following articles: viz:

1ly To chuse a Moderator to govern sd meeting . .

2ly to see if the Town will chuse one member or more to Repreſent us in a provential Congrefs to be held in the meeting house in Watertown on the 31st day of may Inſtant or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant unto sum one of us the Subfcribers at or before the day above mentioned given under our hands and seal this 12th day of may and in the fifthteenth Year of his Majesties Reign A D 1775 . . . . . .

Isaac Gibson, Joseph Walker, Kendal Boutell } Select men for Fitchburg

In Obediance of the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabatants of the town to meet at time and place

Reuben Gibson Conſtable

[110] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſsembled May 22nd 1775

1ly Chose Mr Joseph Walker Moderator . . .

2ly voted to chuse one member to attend the provential Congreſs . . . . .

3ly voted and chose Joseph Fox to attend the Congreſs at Watertown . . . . .

This meeting Diſolved

Joseph Walker moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Woreſter ſs To Capt Reuben Gibſon Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting—

In his Majeſties name and in Obſervance to the Continential and Provential Congreſs Reſolves you are here by Required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg that have an Eſtate of Freehold in Lands within this Province or teritory of Forty shillings per annum at the least or other Eſtate to the value of forty pounds Sterling to Aſsemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the Eleventh day of July next enſuing at three O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles . . . . .

1ly to Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2ly to see if the Town will Chuse a Man to Repreſent the town in the Great and General Cort or Aſsembly Held at Watertown on Wedneſday the Nineteenth day of July next Enſuing or act any thing Refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above Mentioned day given under our hands and Seal this twenty ninth day of

June and in the fifteenth year of His Majefties Reign Anno Domini 1775

Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibfon
Phinahas Hartwell
Kendal Boutell
} Select men for Fitchburg

In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town to meet at time & place

Reuben Gibson Conftable

[111] Fitchburg July 11th 1775

The town of Fitchburg in Conformity to a preceipt Directed to the Selectmen in sd town by the Provential Congrefs the Town Legally meet and voted not to send by virtue of that warrant

attest

Isaac Gibson
Joseph Walker
Kendal Boutall
Phinahas Hartwell

(Seal) Worcefter fs to Capt Reuben Gibson Conftable for the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting—

In his majefties name you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitcburg Quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Affemble & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the Third day of Octr next at one O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formd to act on the Following articles . . . . .

1ly To Chuse a Modirator to Govern said meeting

2ly To Raise money to pay the Reverend John Payson his Salury for the year 1775

3ly to Raise money to provide Schooling for the Year Enfuing or act any thing refering their to as they shall think proper . . . . .

4ly to see what method the Town will provide Mr Paysons Wood for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

5ly To have all persons thats Done Service for the town to bring their acts . . . . .

6ly To see if the Town will Raise money to pay all Nefefary Charges and actˢ brought against the Town or act any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper

7ly To see what the Town will advise to do with Willm Henderfon that now Refides amongst us . . . .

8ly To see what method the Town will come into in Refpect to the Towns money & province that remains in Solomon Stewards hands or act any thing refering theirto as they shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day given under our hands and seal this Eigteenth day of Sept & in the fifteenth year of his Majefties Reign Ano Domini One Thoufend Seven hundred & Seventy five

Isaac Gibson
Phinehas Hartwell
Joseph Walker
Kendol Boutell
} Select men For the Town of Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In Obedience to the within written warrant I have Notified all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town agreable to the within written warrant

Reuben Gibson Conftable

[112] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled Oct 3rd 1775 . . . .

1ly Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator . . .

2ly Voted to Raise sixty six pounds thirteen shillings & 4d to pay the Reverend Mr Payson his Salury the Year 1775 £66 13 4

3ly Voted to Raise twenty pounds to be Schooled out the Year Enfuing . . . 20 0 0

4ly Voted yt Mr Afa Perry Mr John Putnam Mr Elijah Carter Mr Ephraim Orfburn & Joseph Fox to be a Committee to provide a School Mafter or Mafters

5ly Voted that the school money be laid out as it was Last year . . . . .

6ly Voted to lett out Mr Paysons Wood to the man or men that will provide it cheapest . . . . .

7ly Voted that Mr Afaph Goodridge find & provide thirty Cord of Good Wood for the Reverend Mr Payson one whole year begining at the first day of Decembr next, the wood is to be Corded up at Mr Paysons house according to Law & that the town pay Mr Afaph Goodridge for said Wood four pounds six shilling & 8d . . . . . £4 6 8 pd

8ly Voted and Raised four pounds six shillings & 8d to pay for Mr Paysons Wood . . . . .

9ly Voted to pay Doct John Taylor two pounds seven shillgs & 5d for Repreſenting sd Town in the Great & General Cort in the Year 1774 . . . . £2 7 5 pd

10ly Voted & Excepted Mr Daniels Putnums act which is . . . . . - 4 - pd

11ly Voted & Raised four pounds seventeen shillgs & 8d to pay Doct Greenliefs act for Doctoring Mr Bancrofts family . . £4 17 8

12ly Voted & Excepted of Joseph Sawyers act which is . . . . . - 13 - pd

13ly Voted & Excepted of Capt Cowdins act for Sweaping the meeting house six months & paying for a Horse to Cambridge which is . . . . . £0 15 8 pd

14ly Voted & Excepted of Capt Reuben Gibsons act which is . . . . . £1 - - pd

15ly Voted & Excepted of Mr Kendol Boutells act which is . . . . . £1 16 - pd

16ly Voted & Excepted of Mr Isaac Gibsons act which is . . . . . £- 8 - pd

17ly Voted & Excepted of Capt Goodridges act which is . . . . . £9 10 - pd

18ly Voted & Excepted of Joseph Foxs act which is . . . . . £12 6 10 1 pd

19ly Voted to adjorn the meeting to friday next at one O Clock in the after noon

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Friday Octr 6th 1775

meet according to adjornment

20ly Voted & Excepted of Mr Abraham Ireland act which is . . . . . £1 2 8 pd

21ly Voted to Raise five pounds to pay Mr Poole for Bording Mifs Hart one whole Year . . . . . £5 - - paid

[113] 22ly Voted to allow Mr Oliver Upton his act which is . . . . . £0 6 8 paid

23ly Voted to Except of the Committees act which was appointed to provide Bayonets for the minute Compy . . . £7 16 - paid

24ly Voted to Raise money to pay for the Towns meafures . . . . . - 11 - paid

25ly Voted to raise One hundred & thirty nine pounds fourteen shillings & 11d 1qr to pay the acts brought against the Town £139 14 11 1

26ly Voted & raisd Eight pounds to pay Nefefary Charges . . . . . 8 - - -

Total Raised £147 14 11 1

27ly Voted that the Select men be a Committee to Joyn with Lunenburg or to do what they think proper with Regard to Mr William Henderfon

28ly Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Settle with Mr Solomon Steward with Regard to the Towns & province money which Lyes in his hands as they think proper and most for the advantage of the Town

The Meeting Defolved

David Goodridge moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worcefter: fs To Capt Reuben Gibson one of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting

In his Majeftes name you are required to warn all the freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-

burg Quallified by to vote in town meetings to affemble and mett at the meeting house in said Town on munday the forth Day of March next at nine O Clock in the forenoon then and their being Duly mett and formed to act on the following articles

1ly To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly To Chuse Town Offercers for the Year Enfuing for said Town as the Law Directs

3ly To see if the Town will Except of Town Roads Laid out by the Selectmen or their order or vote any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper whent mett . . . . .

4ly To see what method the Town will provide for Mifs Harts maintainance the Year Enfuing or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

5ly To raise money to mend the Roads and Bridges the Year Enfuing or vote any thing refering their too

6ly To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at Large the year Enfuing under the Regulation of the Law or vote any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper

7ly To see if the Town will abate John Mudges Rates or a part of his rates in Phinehas Sawyers List or act any thing refering thertoo as they shall think proper

[**114**] 8ly To bring in their votes for a County Regifter

9ly To bring in their votes for a County Treafury

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day given under our hands and seal this ninth Day of February and in the Sixteenth year of his majestes Reign A D 1776

Isaac Gibson
Joseph Walker
Phinehas Hartwell
Kendal Boutell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In obedience of the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time and place

Reuben Gibson Conſtable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg affembled March 4th 1776

1ly Voted and Chose Capt David Goodridge Moderator

2ly 3 4 5 6 Voted and Chofe Capt David Goodridge Mr Isaac Gibson Mr Phinehas Hartwell Mr Jos Walker & mr Elijah Carter . . . . . Selectmen

7ly Voted and Chose Joseph Fox . . . Town Clark

8ly Voted and Chose Enfign Jona Wood Town Treafury

9ly Voted and Chose Thomas Stearns Conftable for south fide

10ly Voted and Chose William Thurlo Conftable for north side . . . . . Conftables

11ly Voted and Chose Ephraim Kimball Jurn & David Parce . . . . . Wardens

12ly Voted and Chose Daniel Putnam & Charles Willard . . . . . Tythingmen

13ly Voted that the Selectmen be affefsors for the year Enfuing . . . . . affefsors

14ly Voted that Benja Jaquith Joseph Walker Jos Downe Samuel Herrick James Poole Jos Fox & Jonathan Boynton . . . . . Survaiors of high ways & Collectors of high way taxes

15ly Voted & chose Joseph Spofford & Hezekiah Hodgskins . . . . . Deer Reves

16ly Voted and Chose John Carter & Jacob Foster . . . . . Firewards

17ly Voted and Chose Nicholas Danforth & Timo Fullum . . . . . Hog Reves

18ly Voted and Chose Solomon Steward . . . Survaior of Shingles and Clabbords

19ly Voted and Chose Enfign Jona Wood . . . Survair of hoops & Staves

20ly Voted & chose Jos Adams & Daniel Farwell . Fence Vewers

21ly Voted & chose William Thurlo . . . . Sealer of Lother

22ly Voted & chose Joseph Walker . . . . Sealer of Weights and meafures

23ly Voted to Difcontue part of a road Laid out February 27th 1773 by the Selectmen begining at the widow

whitcombes north west corner to Joseph Grays and Oliver Stickneys norwest Corner

[115] 24ly Voted to difcontinue the Road runing from Willm Thurlos house as far as it runs upon sd Thurlos Land towards Benja Jaquith House . . . . .

25ly Voted that the Town of Fitchburg pay Capt David Goodridge five pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence to board Mifs Heart one whole year and so in proportion provided She should not Live the year out . . . .

26ly Voted to chufe a Committee to make a new Bridge or mend the old one upon the Road Leading to Leominfter nigh Mr Jonas Kindols house . . . .

27ly Voted that James Poole Kendol Boutell & Samll Parce be a committee to build the bridge or mend the old one . . . . .

28ly Voted to Raife sixty pounds to mend the highways and that the sam be workt out in the same manner as Last year . . . . .

29ly Voted that the swine run at Large being Yoked and ringd according to Law . . . . .

30ly Voted to pafs over the Seventh article in the warrant . . . .

31ly Voted for Regifter of Deeds . . .

32ly Voted for County Treafury . . . . .

33ly Voted and Chose a Committee of Corrafpondence by order of the General Cort Confifting of five men (viz) Capt Reuben Gibson Capt Kendol Boutell Lieut Afa Perry John Putnam & Silas Snow

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clark

Fitchburg Octr 27th 1774

*Laid out a two Rod road begining at Ashby Line at a Road Laid out from ashby to Samll Gibson Land in sd Fitchburg from thence by marked trees on the Eafterly side of said Rode to Samll Gibsons house from thence Southerly on Gibsons Land to Mr Joseph Bellows Land to a Crocked beach marcked on the Eaft side of said Rode from thence a crofs said Bellows Land to mr Jona-

*Caswell road, old location. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

then Brooks^{s} and Grimes^{s} Corner then Runing on said line near to Mr Brooks^{s} house then Turning on Grimes^{s} Land by Grimes^{s} Shop to David Mc Intire^{s} north East Corner and Jon^{a} Flints Corner

Fitchburg February 29th 1776

Flints Corner as above mentioned is now called Joseph Heart north west corner A two rod rode Laid out from Joseph Hearts North west Corner of his Lot begining at said corner a southerly point Runing a Straight Line to said Hearts old House spot near Phinehas Browns Line so on said to Browns southwest Corner then on the Line betwixt Harts and Herrick to hearts South East Corner from thence Down the Line betwixt Elias Hafkiel and s^{d} Samuel Herrick ye afore mentioned boundres finding one rod Each on their own Land to the County Road the fore mentioned Rode being Laid out for and by the Request of Saml. Gibson Jo^{s} Bellows Jon^{a} Brooks Grimes Jo^{s} Heart Phinehas Brown of said Town

Laid out by . . . Isaac Gibson, Joseph Walker, Phinehas Hartwell } Selectmen for Fitchburg

This Road Excepted by the Town if Given

[116] Laid out a two rod Rode by a Committee appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg Requested by Oliver Stikney Joseph Gray & Willm Rider Begining at the Widow Whitcomb^{s} North Weft Corner runing South Westerly fifty two Rods on said Stickneys Land then turning runing westerly forty Rods on Joseph Grays Land to Thos Hiltons Land then turning Runing south ten Deg^{s} West Seventy Seven rods on Thos Hiltons and Jo^{s} Grays Land to Abraham Willards Land marked trees on the East side of said Road Jo^{s} Gray finding seven Square Rods and half for his propotion to s^{d} Rode then turning Wefterly ten Degrees North on Abraham Willards Land twenty two Rods to Willm Riders Land

Fitchburg March 1st 1776

Phinehas Hartwell, Phinehas Sawyer Ju^{r}, John Carter } Committee appointed for s^{d} Rode

This rode Excepted by the town

The meeting Diſſolved David Goodridge Moderator
Town offercers Sworn according to Law
Joˢ Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To Capᵗ Willᵐ Thurlo one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting——

In Obſervance of the Colony writ to us directed these are in the name of the Goverment and people of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to will and Require you forthwith to Cause the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg that have an Eſtate of Freehold in Land within this Province or territory of forty shillings per Annum at the Least or other Eſtate to the value of fifty pounds Sterling to Aſsemble and mett at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the twenty third Day of this inſtant may at one O Clock in the afternoon then and their to Elect and depute one or more perſons being freeholders and Reſident in the same town according to the Number Sett and Limitted by an act of the General Cort or Aſsembly to serve for and repreſent them in a Great and General Cort or Aſsembly appointed to be Convened held and kept for the Goverment Service at the Meeting House in Watertown upon wedneſday the twenty ninth Day of this inſtant may . . . . .

Hereof and to Cause the person or persons so Elected and Deputed by the major part of the Electors preſent at such Election to be timely notified and Summoned by one or more of the Conſtables of your town to attend the Goverment service in the Great & General Cort or Aſſembly on the Day above perfixed by nine in the morning . .

(Seal) Worceſter ſs to Capᵗ Willᵐ Thurlo one of the Conſtables of the town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting . .

You are hereby required to warn all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meeting [117] To aſsembly and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on thurſday the twenty third Day of this Inſtant may at two O Clock in the afternoon then and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to it

1ˡʸ to chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly to see what the Town will Do Conferning Willm Henderfon now at Lunenburg or act any thing refering their unto as they shall think proper . . . . .

Fail not make return of your doings to sum one of us at or before the day above mentioned Dated Fitchburg May 13th 1776

David Goodridge
Isaac Gibson
Joseph Walker
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
} Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs in Obedience to the within written warrant I have notified the inhabitants of this town of this meeting according to this warrant . . . . .

Willm Thurlo Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg aſſembled May 23rd 1776 in order to Chuse a Repreſentative accordingly the vote was put to know if the Town would Send a Repreſentative this preſent Year and it paſsed in the Negative

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg aſſembled May 23rd 1776 . . . . .

1ly Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2ly Voted to Defend the case with Lunenburg with regard to maintaining Mr Willm Henderson if their Should be an action commineed by Lunenburg

3ly Voted to chuse a Committee to Defend any action with regard to Maintaining mr Wm Henderſon with Lunenburg

4ly Voted that the Committee should Conſist of three

5ly Voted that Capt Thos Cowdin be one of this Committee

6ly Voted that Capt Jona Wood be one of this Committee

7ly Voted that Joseph Fox be one of this Committee

8ly Voted that the above Committee have full power to Defend any action with Lunenburg with regard to Mr

Wm Henderson or to Settle with the Town of Lunenburg as they shall Judge best

This Meeting Difolved David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[118] (Seal) Worceſter ſs: To Capt Wm Thurlo one of the Conſtables for the Town of Fitchburg . Greeting—

By virtue of a Reſolve paſsed by the Late honse of Repreſentatives may 10th 1776 to us directed in order to call a Town meeting you are hereby required to Notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg and others adjoining to said Town to Aſsembly and meet at the meeting house in sd Town on munday the first Day of July next at three O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1ly To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2ly To know the mind of the Town that if ye Honorable Continential Congreſs should for the Safty of the United Colonies declare them independant of the Kingdom of Great Britain that we the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg will Solomnly Engage with their Lives & fortains to support them in the Meaſure or act any thing refering their too as they shall thing proper when meet

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this Nineteenth Day of June

Anno Domini 1776 . . . . .

David Goodridge
Isaac Gibson
Joseph Walker
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
} Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter. ſs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town and these Adjoining to said town of this meeting

Willm Thurlo Conſtable

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3d Voted that the Town Clark copy of the second book and send it to the General Court this meeting Dissolved

Attest David Gaddridge Moderator
Joseph Foot Town Clerk

In Congress July 4th 1776

A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress Assembled

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the Separate and equal Station to which the Laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the Opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and Organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safty and Happiness. prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. but when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, Evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism it is their right, it is their Duty to throw off such Government and to provide new guards for their future Security such has ben the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. the History of the present King of Great-Britin is a History of Repeated injuries and — Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States. to prove this let facts be submitted to a candid world.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg legally warned and Aſsembled July 1st 1776

1ly Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2ly Voted that if the Honorable Continential Congreſs should for the Safty of these United Colinies Declare them Independant of the Kingdom of Great Braitain that we the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg will with Our lives and fortains support them in the meafure

[119] 3ly Voted that the Town Clark coppy of the second vote and Send it to the General Cort

This meeting Diſolved

David Goodridge moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

In Congreſs July 4th 1776——

A Declaration by the Repreſentatives
of the United States of America
In General Congreſs Aſsembled

When in the courſe of human events, it becomes neceſsary for one people to diſsolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to aſsume among the Powers of the earth, the Seperate and equal Station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitles them, a decent reſpect to the Opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the Cauſes which impel them to the separation, we hold these truths to be Self evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, Liberty and the purſuit of Happineſs:—That to seeure theſe rights, governments are inſtituted among men, deriving their Just powers from the conſent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes deſtructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to inſtitute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and Organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to Effect their Safty and Happineſs, prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long Eſtablished should not be changed for light and tranſient cauſes; and accordingly all Experience hath Shewn, that mankind are more dis-

posed to Suffer, while Evils are Sufferable, than to right themſelves by abolliſhing the forms to which they are accuſtomed, but when a long train of Abuſes and Uſurpations, purſuing invariably the same Object, Evinces a deſign to reduce them under abſolute Diſpotism, it is their right, it is their Duty to throw off such Government and to provide new gards for their future Security such has ben the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Neceſsity which conſtrains them to alter their former Syſtems of Government, the History of the preſent King of Great-Briton is a History of Repeated injuries and Uſurpations, all having in direct Object the Eſtablishment of an abſolute tyranny over these States. to prove this let facts be submited to a candid world.

[120] He has refused his aſsent to Laws, the most wholeſome and neceſsary for the publick good . . .

He has forbiden his Governors to paſs Laws of immediate and preſsing importance, unleſs Suſpended in their Operation untill his Aſſent should be Obtained and when so Suſpended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them

He has refused to paſs other Laws for the accommodation of Large diſtricts of people, unleſs those people would relinquish the right of repreſentation in the Legiſlature, a right ineſtimable to them and formidable to Tyrants only. . . . .

He has called together legiſlative bodies at places unuſal, uncomfortable and distant from the depository of their publick records, for the sole purpoſe of fatiguing them into compliance with his meaſures.

He has diſſolved Repreſentative Houſes repeatedly for oppoſing with manly Firmneſs his Invaſions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such Diſsolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at Large for their Exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of Invaſion from with out and Convulſions within. . . . .

He has endevoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obſtructing the Laws for Natu-

ralization of Foreigners; refusing to paſs others to encorage their migrations hither and raising the Conditions of new appropriations of Lands. . . . . .

He has Obſtructed the Adminiſtration of Juſtice, by refusing his aſſent to Laws for Eſtablishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependant on his will alone, for the tenure of their Offices, and the amount and payment of their Salaries. He has erected a multitude of new Officers, and sent hither swarms of Offercers to Harraſs our people, and Eat out their Subſtance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace Standing Armies without the Conſent of our Legiſlatures. . . .

He has affected to render the Military independent of, and Superiour to the Civil Power. . . . .

He has combined with others to Subject us to a Juriſdiction foreign to our Conſtitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Aſſent to their acts of pretended Legiſlation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock trial from puniſhment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:

For impoſing Taxes on us without our conſent:

For depriveing us in many caſes of the benefits of Trial by Jury: For tranſporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a Neighbouring province Eſtablishing theirin an arbitary Government and enlarging its boundaries, so as to render it at once and Example and fit Inſtrement for [121] For introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies.

For taking away our Charters abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the forms of our Governments:

For Suſpending our own Legiſlatures and declareing themſelves invested with power to Legiſlate for us in all Caſes whatſoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our Seas ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and deſtroyed the Lives of our people.

He is at this time tranſporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of Death Deſolation and tyrany alrady begun with circumſtances of Cruelty and Perfidy Scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a Civilized nation.

He has conſtrained our Fellow Citizens, taken captives on the high Seas to bear arms against their Country; to become the Executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themſelves by their hands.

He has excited domeſtic inſerrections amongst us, and has Endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers the mercileſs Indian Savages, whose known Rule of warfare is an undiſtinguished Deſtruction of all Ages, Sexes, and Conditions.

In every stage of these oppreſsions we have petitioned for redreſs, in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been anſwered only by repeated Injury!—A prince whose Character is thus marked by every act which may deſine a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free people! . . .

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British Brethren, we have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legiſlature to extend an unwarrantable Juriſdiction over us, we have reminded them of the Circumſtances of our Emigration and Settlement here, we have appealed to their native Juſtice and Magnanimity and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to diſavow these Uſurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connexions and Correſpondence. they too have been deaf to the voice of Juſtice and of Conſanguinity. we must, therefore Acquieſce in the neceſſity which Denounces our Seperation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind Enemies in war; in peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Repreſentatives of the United States of America, in General Congreſs Aſsembled appealing to

connexion. between them and the State of Great-Britain, is. and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and Independent States, they have full power to Levy war conclude peace contract alliances, Establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do, and for the Support of this declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to Each other our Lives our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress

John Hancock. President

Attest — Charles Thompson. Secretary

In Council July 17th 1776 —

Ordered that the declaration of Independence be printed; and a coppy sent to the Ministers of Each Parish of every Denomination within this State; and that they Severally be required to read the same to their respective Congregations, as soon as divine Service is Ended. in the afternoon — on the first Lords Day after they shall have received it. — and after such publication thereof. to deliver the said declaration to the Clerks of their Several Towns or districts; who are hereby required to record the Same in their respective Towns or Destrict Books there to remain as a perpetual memorial thereof.

In the name and by order of the Council

Richard Darby. Junr. President

A true Coppy Attest John Avery. Dep. Secy

A true Coppy attest Joseph Tobt Town Clerk

the Supreme Judge of the world for the Rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the Authority of the Good people of these Colonies Solemnly publish and declare that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and Independent States that they are abfolved from all Allegience to the British Crown; and that all political Connexion [122] connexion, between them and the State of Great-Britain, is, and ought to be totally difsolved; and that as free and Independent States, they have full power to Levy war conclude peace contract Alliances, Eftablish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do, and for the Support of this declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to Each other our Lives our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

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In the name and by order of the Council
Richard Darby, Junr Prefident
A true Coppy Attest John Avery. Dep. Sec'y
A true Coppy Attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[123] (Seal) Worcefter: fs: To Capt William Thurlo one of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg . Greeting

In the name of the State of the Colony of the Maffachufetts Bay you are required to warn all the freeholders

and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the twenty forth Day of this Inftant Sept at one O Clock in the afternoon and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to it . . . . .

1ly To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2ly To vote the Reverend John Payson his Salary for the year Enfuing

3ly To raise money for the school for the year Enfuing . . . . .

4ly To chuse a committee to provide a School or schools for the year Enfuing . . . . .

5ly To See what method the Town will come into to provide the Reverend John Payson his wood . . . .

6ly To raise money to Support Mifs Hart for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

7ly To have all persons thats done service for the Town to bring in their accounts and Raise money for the same . . . . .

8ly To see if the town will abate any Persons Rates in any of the Conftables Lists . . . . .

9ly To raise money to Defray Town charges for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

10ly To see if the Town will allow of a Hofpital for the Anocalation for the Small Pox or act any thing refering theirto . . . . .

11ly To see if the Town will Confider the Rates in Mr Afa Perrys List or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

12ly To see if the Town will take into confideration the prefent State of Our committee of Infpection and Safty or act any thing theirto as they shall think Proper . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal this Sixth Day of this Prefent September and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1776

David Goodride
Joseph Walker
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
} Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter: ſs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all ye freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings of the Day and time of this meeting

Willm Thurlo Conſtable

[124] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſſembld Sep^t^ 24th 1776 Then being Duly meet——

1^ly^ Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting

2^ly^ Voted The Reverend John Payson his Salury whis is £66 13 4

3^ly^ Voted To raie twenty pound for schooling the year Ensuing 20 0 0

4^ly^ Voted & chose Samuel Parce Daniel Putnam Liev^t^ Jon^a^ Page John Buſs & Solomon Steward a Committee to provide School Maſter or Maſters for the Year Enſuing . . . . .

5^ly^ Voted that the School money be Laid out as Last year . . . . .

6^ly^ Voted to impower the Schools Committee to Give orders to such Maſter or Maſters as they shall imploy in said Service . . . . .

7^ly^ Voted to Give Amos Kimball £4.2.8. for Gitting thirty Cords of Good Wood for Mr Payson one whole year begining the first Day of Decemb^r^ next the wood is to be Corded up at Mr Paysons house according to Law . . . . .

8^ly^ Voted to Raise the money to pay for Mr Paysons wood whis is 4 2 8 p^d^

9^ly^ Voted to Raise money for Deacon Goodridge for boarding Miſs Heart . . . . 5 6 8 p^d^

10^ly^ Voted to Allow Joseph Sawyers ac^t^ which is . . . . . 4 8 paid

11^ly^ Voted to Allow Levi Kimballs Account whis is . . . . . 1 0 6 p^d^

12ly Voted to Allow James Pools Act whis is . . . . . - 7 - pd
13ly Voted to Allow Deacon Thurftins Act which is . . . . . 1 4 8 pd
14ly Voted to Allow Afa Perrys act which is . . . . . 1 9 - pd
15ly Voted to Allow Solomon Stewards act which is . . . . . 5 8 10 pd
16ly Voted to Allow James Poole Kendol Boutell & Samll Parce A Committee their Act which is . . . . . 6 6 -
17ly Voted to allow Kendol Boutells act which is . . . . . - 15 - pd
18ly Voted to allow Kendol Boutells act for Cloth which is . . . . . 1 1 pd
19ly Voted to Allow Joseph Walkers ats which is . . . . . - 18 - pd
20th Voted to Allow Phinehas Hartwells act which is . . . . . 1 6 - paid
21st Voted to Allow Deacon Goodridge for numbering ye people . . . . . 0 4 - pd
22nd Voted to Allow Joseph Walker for numbering ye people . . . . . - 4 - pd
23rd Voted to allow Isaac Gibsons act which is . . . . . 1 2 - pd
24th Voted to abate John Mudges Rates in Solomon Stewards List Except his head in said List . . . . .
25th Voted to pay Joseph Adams for Shovels whis is . . . . . 2 - -
26th Voted to Raise money to pay the above acts
[125] 27th Voted to Raise Thirty pounds to pay Nefefary charges . . . . . 30 - -

28th Voted And Chose Lieyt Abraham Gibson Daniel Putnam & Joseph Fox for A Committee to Confider Afa Perrys Rates or act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper

David Goodridge Moderator

A true coppy of the minutes
Attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter: ſs: to Capt William Thurlo one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg . . Greeting . .

In the Name of the State of the Colony of the Maſſachuſetts Bay you are hereby Required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the Thirtyeth Day of this Inſtant September at four O Clock in the afternoon being Duly meet and formed to act on the following Articles

1ly To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly To See if the Town will Chuse a County Register of Deeds

3ly To Chuse a County Treaſury as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not to make a return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal this Twenty Eighth Day of September In the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven hundred & Seventy Six

Isaac Gibson
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
David Goodridge
Joseph Walker
} Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter: ſs: in Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting

William Thurlo Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg aſsembled Sept 30th 1776 then being Duly meet

1ly Chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator to Govern sd Meeting . . .

2ly Proceeded and voted for a Regiſter of Deeds for the County of Worceſter

3ly Voted for a County Treasury for the County of Worceſter and Delivered Sd votes to the Conſtable as the Law Directs

David Goodridge moderator

A true coppy from the minutes attest

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[126] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To William Thurlo one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburgh . . Greeting

In the name of the State of the Colony of the Maſſachuſetts Bay you are hereby required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being free and twenty one years of age or upwards to Aſſemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the Seventeenth Day of Octr next at one O Clock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to it

1^{ly} To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^{ly} To see if the Town will vote that the Repreſentative House together with the Council shall make a form of Government for the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay or act any thing Refering theirtoo as they shall think proper

3^{ly} To see if the Town will send a man to Repreſent them in the great and General Cort according to a reſolve of the Seventeenth Inſtant and act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper . . . .

Hereof fail not make due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal this thirteenth Day of September and in the year of our Lord 1776——

David Goodridge, Isaac Gibson, Joseph Walker, Phinehas Hartwell } Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter: ſs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants according to the Directions of the within writen warant

Willm Thurlo Conſtable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſſembled Octr Seventeenth. 1776——

1^{ly} Chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator

2^{ly} The vote being put to see if the town would vote that the Repreſentative House together with the Counſell shall make a form of Government for the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay: it paſsed in the Negative

3ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to give the reaſons why they would not Conſent that the house of Repreſentatives together with the Counſell should make a form of Government for this State . . . .

[127] 4ly Voted that the Committee conſist of five

5ly Voted that Mr Phinehas Hartwell be one of the Committe

6ly Voted that Lievt Kendol Boutell be one of the Committe

7ly Voted that Joseph Fox be one of the Committe

8ly Voted that Mr Daniel Putnam be one of the Committee

9ly Voted that Capt David Goodridge be one of the Committee

10ly Voted not to chuse a man to Repreſent them in the General Cort

11ly Voted that this meeting be adjurnd to friday 25th Day of Octr Inſtant three O Clock in the Afternoon

October 25th 1776 The Town meet according to adjornment and the Committee made the following report— to it

1st . . . As we are Senſable that our Situation Demands a particular attention and Due Conſideration in matters of the Greatest importance on so intrusting concern for the Publick Good and for the Good order and benifit of the community and peace of this State that as the End of Government is the happineſs of the people so the Sole power and right of forming and Eſtablishing a plan theirof is Efencially in the people

*2ly Because a Large number of our worthy Inhabitants of this State are now ingaged in the Service of the United States in Oppoſing our unnatiral Enemies which we apprehend ought of right to have an Eaquel voice in Eſtablishing a form of Government for this State as those that are not Engaged in the Army . . .

3ly Becauſe that the preſent House were never Elected by the people to Eſtablish a form of Government for this

*the second reaſon should have ben wrote the third & the third reaſon should have ben the Second. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

State but for ordering and Governing the prudential affairs of this Embarrifed State as neceffity Calls for their Strict attention theretoo . . . .

But provided the prefent House of Repref entatives together with the Counfel should proceed to make a form of Government

Refolved that it is the Opinnion of this Town that said form of Government should be made Publick for the Inf pection and Perufal of the Inhabitants before the Ratification thereof by the Affembly

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Kendol Boutell
Joseph Fox
Daniel Putnam
} Committee

12ly The above report was put to vote to see if the Town would Except of it and it paf s in the affirmative

[128] 13ly Voted that the Town Clerk tranfmitt a coppy of the reafons why the town will not confent that the House of Repref entatives together with the Counfell should not Eftablish a form of Government, into the Secratarys Office of this State

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: f s: To one of the Conftables or the Town Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting—

In the name of the Government & people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order and Direct you forthwith to warn all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thirfday the twenty Eight Day of this Inftant Novr at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being duly meet and formd to act on the following Articles to it

1ly To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2ly For the Town to bring in their votes for a County treafury for the County of Worcefter

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above men-

tioned given under our hands and Seal this Eighteenth Day of November and in the Year of Our Lord 1776——

David Goodridge } Selectmen
Joseph Walker } for
Elijah Carter } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs in Obedience to the within writen warrant I have warnd all the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place as is within mentioned

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg legally warned and Aſſembled Novr 28th 1776

1ly Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge moderator

2ly Votes called for . for a County Treaſury

3ly Voted to adjurn this meeting to Capt Cowdins forthwith

Votes for the County treaſury being Seald up the meeting was Diſolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[129] In perſuant of and agreable to an act of the Great & General Court of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay Relative to Eſtimating & Stating Sertain priſes on farming Labour and all traidſmen and at certain seaſons of ys year and all neſeſsaries of Life that is to or may be Diſpoſed of in the several Towns here after mentioned that at a meeting of the Selectmen & Committee of the Town of Groton Shirley Townſhend Lunenburg & Fitchburg conveined together at the House of Col Abijah Stearns Inholder in Lunenburg on Tuſday the 18th Day of this Inſtant Febry 1777 to perfix Priſes on the following articles not to be axceeded as here after mentioned in Price

1ly Made choise of Deacon Wm Stearns as moderator to Govern sd meeting

2ly made chose of Capt James Horſley as Clerk for sd meeting then Perſued as follows

Farming Labor for men

That farming Labor for men from the Twenteth Day of June to the Twentieth

Day of August not to Exceed 3/0 p^{r} Day	£0	3	0 –
That from the middle of Novr to the middle of march not to Exeed 1/6 p^{r} Day	0	1	6 –
and the othe of the year in propotion . .	–	–	– –
Carpenter or House writes Bill			
That a Carpenter or House wright not to Exeed 3/0 p^{r} Day	£0	3	0 –
and other Carpenters or Joynery work in Propoſial as Uſeal	–	–	– –
Wheat Rye & Indian Corn			
Good Marchantable Wheat not to Exeed 6/8 p^{r} Buſhel	£0	6	8 –
Good Marchantable Rye not to Exceed 4/4 p^{r} Buſhel	0	4	4 –
Good Marchantable Indian Corn not to Exeed 3/4 p^{r} Bushel	0	3	4 –
Good Marchantable Oats not to Exeed 2/ p^{r} bushel	0	2	– –
Freſh Pork & Salt Pork			
Good Freſh Pork well fatted and of a Good Quallity not to Exeed 4^{d} p^{r} ℔ . . .	£0	0	4 –
Good Salt Pork of a good Quallity without bone not to Exceed 8^{d} p^{r} ℔ . . .	0	0	8 –
Cheeſe butter & Beef			
Good cheeſe not to Exeed 6^{d} p^{r} ℔	£0	0	6 –
Good Butter not to Exceed 9^{d} p^{r} ℔ . . .	0	0	9 –
Good Graſs fatted Beef well fatted not to Exceed 3^{d} p^{r} ℔	0	0	3 –
& Good Stall feed Beef not to Exceed 4^{d} p^{r} ℔	0	0	4 –
and Beef of an Inferior Quallity in Eaquel Propotion	–	–	– –
Raw Hides & Skins			
Raw hides not to Exceed 3^{d} p^{r} ℔ . . .	£0	0	3 –
Raw Calf Skins not to Exeed 6^{d} p^{r} ℔ . .	0	0	6 –

Peafe Beans Pertatoes & Turnips

Good Marchantable Pease not to Exceed 7/ p^{r} bushel	£0	7	– –
Good Marchantable Beans not to Exceed 6/ p^{r} bushel	0	6	– –
Good Marchantable Protatoes in the Fall not to Exceed 1/ p^{r} bushel	0	1	0 –
and at the Spring or other Seafons 1/6 p^{r} bushel	0	1	6 –
Good turnip not to Exceed 1/ p^{r} bushel	0	1	– –

Sheeps Woll & mens Stockings

Good Sheep^{s} woll of a good Quallity not to Exceed 2/ p^{r} lb	£0	2	0 –
and other Woll in Propotion	–	–	– –
mens Stockings of the best Quallity not to Exceed 6/	0	6	– –

Cordwainers Bill

For making for men and Finding Lother of the best Quallity not to Exceed 8/	£0	8	0 –
& other shoes of a Lefser Size in Lefser Propotion	–	–	– –
For making mens shoes the Farmer Finding Lother not to Exceed 3/	–	3	– –
and Lefser Shoes in Eaquel Proportion as Ufeal	–	–	– –

Tanner & Curier

Good Sole Lother of the best Quallity not to Exceed 1/3 p^{r} lb	£0	1	3 –
And Curried Lother in Eaquel Propotion as Ufeal	–	–	– –

Mutton Lamb & Veal

Good Lamb, Mutton & Veal not to Exceed 3^{d}½ p^{r} lb of the best	£0	0	3 2

[130] Flax

Good Flax well drest fit for the makett not to Exceed 1/ p^{r} lb	£0	1	0 –

Wheat Flower

Good Wheat flower not to Exceed 22/ p^{r} hun^{d}	£1	2	0 –
and Lefser Quantities in Propotion as Useal	–	–	– –

Tavern Keepers

Horse Keeping not to Exceed 1/3 a night or 24 hours on Good English Hay . .	£0	1	3 –
Good Paftering a night or 24 hours not to Exceed 8^{d}	0	0	8 –
Ox keeping a night or 24 hours not to Exceed 1/6	0	1	6 –
A Good Pafture for a Yoke of Oxen one night or 24 hours /10^{d}	0	0	10 –

Poltry

Turky Dunghill fowls & Ducks not to Exceed 5^{d} p^{r} ℔	£0	0	5 –

Geefe

Geefe not to Exceed 4^{d} p^{r} ℔	£0	0	4 –

Milk & English Hay

Good new milk not to Exceed 2^{d}	£0	0	2 –
Good English Hay not to Exceed 3/ p^{r} hun^{d}	0	3	– –

Boards Side Clabbords Set by our own Towns by order of Com^{tt} .

Good Marchantable pine boards not to Exceed 22/ p^{r} Thoufand	£1	2	– –
and other boards in Propotion to Quantity & Goodnefs	–	–	– –
for Sawing pine boards not to Exceed 8/4 p^{r} Thoufand	–	8	4 –
and other Sawing according to Quantity & Stuff as Useal	–	–	– –
Good Marchantable side Clabbords not to Exceed 64/ p^{r} Thoufand	3	4	– –
Good Marchantable pine shingles not to Exceed 10/ p^{r} Thoufand	–	10	– –

Good Heart Staves & heading not to Exceed 30/ p^{r} Thoufand	£1	10	– –
Good Heart Barrills well made flat hoops not to Exceed 3/8 p^{r} barrill	–	3	8 –
and other Coopery Small or Great in Propotion as Ufeal	–	–	– –
Sut by Each Town by order of Com^{tt}			
A good Yoke of Oxen to Labour a Day from the first Day of april to the 20th Day of May not to Exceed 1/10 p^{r} Day	£0	1	10 –
and all other Seafons in Propotion as Ufeal	–	–	– –
Blackfmith Work & Cole			
Black Smith work for Showing a horfe Plain Showing not to Exceed 5/6 and all other Smith work in propotion . .	£0	5	6 –
For Good Charcole best Swamp wood 4^{d} by the bushel	–	0	4 –
of pine not to Exceed 3^{d} p^{r} bushel . . .	–	0	3 –
Victualing by the meal Flip Syder			
For a Dinner Boyl & roafted not to Exceed 1/	£0	1	0 –
Either Boyld or Roafted 10^{d} and other meals in propotion	–	0	10 –
a mugg of West India Flip not to Exceed 11^{d} p^{r} mugg	–	0	11 –
New England Flip not to Exceed 9^{d} p^{r} mugg	–	–	9 –
Good Syder on Hand fill^{d} on the Lees not to Exceed 11/ p^{r} Barrill	–	11	– –
Horse hire			
Horse hire for one person to ride not to Exceed 2^{d} p^{r} mile	£0	0	2 –
going in a Carrage or Carry a burden in Ufeal Propotion	–	–	– –
Flax Seed			
Good Flax seed clean fit for sowing not to Exceed 5/4 p^{r} bushel	£0	5	4 –

a Good seed Plow for one Day not to Exceed 1/0 pr Day	–	1	– –
a Good Brakeing up Plow not to Exceed 2/5 pr Day	–	2	5 –
Taylors Bill Tow Cloth			
Men Taylors 2/6 pr Day	£0	2	6 –
woman Taylors for mens ware 11d pr Day	0	0	11 –
Either of the Taylors not to Exceed the prise perfixt	–	–	– –
Good tow Cloth yard wide 2/ a yard as in the act	–	2	– –
& other tow Cloth in propotion according to width and Quallity of the same kind & the prife of Corse Linnen to be computed after the same rate	–	–	– –
Good yard wide Stripd Flannel not to Exceed 3/6 pr yd	–	3	6 –
and other Flannels in propotion according to width and Quallity	–	–	– –
Good all woll Blue Cloth well manurefactered not to Exceed 10/ yd	0	10	0 –
and other Cloths and widths according to its Quallities	–	–	– –
Good yard wide Homfpun Cotten & Linnen Cloth of the common Sort not to Exceed 3/6 pr yd	–	3	6 –
& other widths and Quallitys of Cotten & Linnen in propotion	–	–	– –
[131] Tallow			
Good Tryed tallow not to Exceed 7d pr lb	£0	0	7 –
and Rough tallow not to Exceed 5d pr lb	–	–	5 –
Wagon			
Wagon for a Jorney not to Exceed 2d pr mile & in propotion up Contry as Ufeal	£0	–	2 –
Womens work for weveing			
For weaving all woll Ell wide 4d a yard	£0	0	4 0
and all weaveing in propotion according to its Quallity	–	–	– –

for one weaks Labor house work not to Exceed 2/6 . . . . . – 2 6 –
and any Extradonary nuſsing in propotion – – – –

Paſtering Oxen

A Good yoke of Oxen to Paſture one weak not to Exceed 2/4 a weak fat cattle of the Largest & the best Pasture . . . £0 2 4 –
& other Paſtering in propotion to the goodneſs of the Paſtering & cattle . – – – –

on English Hay

For keeping a Large yoke of Oxen on good English Hay one weak 3/4 . . . . . £0 3 4 –
and other keeping of Cattle by the weak in the same propotion . . . . . – – – –

Bark for Tanners

Good hemlock bark Delivered at the tan house 10/ a cord . . . . . £0 10 – –
Good Oak bark so Delivered not to Exceed 9/ p^r^ cord . . . . . – 9 – –

Signd by order of the Selectmen & committee of the Town of Fitchburg . . .

David Goodridge Chairman
A True coppy attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To Either of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting——

These are therefore in the name of the Government and people of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and Direct you forth with to convene the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to aſſemble at the meeting houſe in Fitchburg on munday the Third Day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon then & there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . .

1^ly^ To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly To chuſe Town Offercers for the year inſewing as the Law Directs

3ly To Provid for the poor and Endigent perſons of said Town and in what way and manner as shall be thought most proper . . .

4ly To Grant money for repairing highways the preſent year and to act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper . . .

5ly To accept of such roads as the Town shall think neceſsary that are Laid out by the Selectmen or their order . . .

6ly To have all the Surveyors of high ways & high way Collecttors for the year past to make a return of their Collection & what is behind in their Lists to the Town the Day and time above mentioned for further orders as shall be thought most proper by the Town . .

7ly To see if the swine may go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the Enfuing year . . .

8ly To here the report of the Committee that was choſen to Regulate & aſſist Mr Aſa Perry concerning his Rates & to act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . .

9ly To chuse a committee or committees if need be or act any thing as shall be thought proper by the Town there for . . . .

[132] Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this Thirteenth Day of February & in the year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge
Isaac Gibson
Joseph Walker
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
} Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings of the time and place of this meeting . . .

Wm Thurlo Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitant of the Town of Fitchburg affembled March 3rd 1777 . . .

1ly Chose Deacon Goodridge moderator

2ly 3ly 4ly 5ly 6ly Voted & Chose Deacon David Goodridge Mr Phinehas Hartwell Mr Joseph Walker Mr Isaac Gibson & Lievt Kendol Boutell Selectmen . . Selectmen

7ly Voted & Chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk

8ly Voted & Chose Capt Jona Wood Town Treafury Town Treafury

9ly Voted & chose Elijah Carter Conftable for the South side the Town Excepted Thos Stearns in Elijah Carters Rome . . . . . Conftable

10ly 11ly Voted & chose Solomon Stewad & Jona Holt Wardens . . . . . Wardens

12ly 13ly Voted & Chose Capt Reuben Gibson & Daniel Farwell . . . . . Tythingmen

14ly Voted that the Selectmen be Affefsors . . affefsors

15ly Voted & chose Mr Jona Rufsell David Parce Joshua Goodridge John Carter Kendal Boutell Jos Adams & Nathan Babcock Survayers of highways & collecttors of highway taxes . Survayers of highways & Collettors of highway taxes

16ly Voted & chose Ephm Kimball Jur and Amos Kimball . . . . . Deer Reves

17ly Voted & chose John Bufs & Nichs Danforth . Firewards

18ly Voted & Chose Henery Lealand Daniel Putnam Wm Small & Oliver Upton . . hog Reves . . . Hog Reves

19ly Voted & chose Solomon Steward Surveyer of Shingle & Clabords . . Surveyors of Shingles & Clabbords

20ly Voted & Chose Capt Jona Wood Surveyor of hoops & Staves . . . . . Surveyors of Hoops & Staves

21st Voted & chose Nicholas Danforth & Daniel Putnam . . . . . Fence vewers

22ly Voted & chose Capt Wm Thurlo Sealer of Lother Sealer of Lother

23ly Voted & chose David Parce Sealer of Waits & meafures . . . . . Sealer of Wts & meafures

24ly Voted that their shall be a Committee of Corraf-pondence Infpection & Safty . . . . .

25ly Voted & chose James Poole Capt Reuben [Gibson] Daniel Putnam Joseph Fox & Jos Phelps a Commit-

tee of Corraſpondence Inſpection & Safty . . Committee of Corraſpondence Inſpection & Safty

[1333] 26 Voted that The town of Fitchburg pay Mr James Poole six pounds to board Miſs Heart one whole whole year and so in propotion provided she should not Live the year out . . . . . £6 0 0 –

27 Voted to Raise fifty pounds to mend the high ways and that the sum be workt out in the same manner as years past . . . . . 50 – – –

28 Voted to chuse a Committee to Treat with Capt Flint with regard to a road Leading from Samll Gibsons

29ly Voted that Phinehas Hartwell Charles Willard & Elijah Carter be the Committee . . . . .

30ly Fitchburg March yc 1st 1777

In Obediance to the orders of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg we the Subſcribers have Laid out a two rod road begining at the house of Kendal Boutells & runing Northerly on sd Boutells Land to Land of Thos Hills & then runs on said Hills Land to Land of Roger Bigelows & then Runs on sd Bigelows Land to Land of Mr Burts & then Runs on said Burts Land to Land of Capt Cowdins & then runs on sd Cowdins Land to Land of Hezekiah Hodgſkins & runs through a corner of sd Hodgſkins Land to Land of Paul Wetherbees & then runs on the Edge of sd Wetherbees Land upon the ridge to Land of sd Hodgſkins & runs through another corner of sd Hodgſkins Land to the road that Leads to the meeting house two Lenths of fence from the corner which road is Deſcribed by trees marked on the west side of the road . . . . .

And alſo another two Rod road begining near the North East corner of Capt Cowdins Land & runs through said Cowdins Land to Land of Nehemiah Fullers & then runs through the Land of sd Fullers by his house to Land of Titus Wilders & through sd Wilders Land by his house to his South Line which road is Discribed by trees marked on the Southerly side of the Road

Kendal Boutell
Nehemiah Fuller } Committee
Thos Hill

The town voted to Except the above Deſcribed roads if the Land is Given

31ly A two rod road requested by & laid out for Jonathan Boynton & Reuben Smith freeholders in the Town of Fitchburg where as Jonathan Boynton Reuben Smith Elijah Carter being a committee appointed by the Selectmen of Fitchburg to Lay out sd road which is as follows begining at Jonathan Boyntons House then runing a north Easterly point to sd Smiths Land then Through a corner of sd smiths Land to Mr Wards the trees marked on the North Weſterly side then runing East on the line between said smiths Land and said Wards Land to an Oak tree one rod on Each Lot then runing North through said wards Land to the corner of Widow Whitcombs Land the trees marked on the Weſterly side then runing East to the Road that leads to Phinehas Sawyer Jur house Laid out by us the Subſcribers

Elijah Carter, Reuben Smith, Jonathan Boynton } Committee of Said Road

Further more the above Jonathan Boynton promiſes that he will give a road through his Land where the town shall think most needfull when requested provided the above mentioned road is Given Jona Boynton

The above Defribed road is Excepted by the Town if Given . . . .

[134] Fitchburg December ye 4th 1776

32ly A two rod road requested by and Laid out for Joseph Wetherbee & Jona Wetherbee freeholders in said Town Begining at Jona Wetherbees house then over the Bridge to Mr Joseph Wetherbees houſe then on sd Wetherbees Land to Elias Haſkiels Land then through Haſkiels Land to Deacon Harriſs Land then through sd Harriſs Land to Haſkiels Land again then through sd Haſkiels to the County road that Leads to the meeting honse in said Town the trees marked on the Northerly side of said road from the first mentioned place by us the Subſcribers

David Goodridge, Joseph Walker, Phinehas Hartwell, Elijah Carter } Selectmen For Fitchburg

Furthermore the above Joseph Weatherbee promiſes that he will give a road road through his Land where the town shall think most neadfull when requested attest

Joseph Wetherbee

The town Excepted the above Deſcribed road if the Land is Given . . . . .

*33ly We the committee appointed by the Town of Fitchburg to regulate a former road Laid out for Samll Gibson Jona Brooks Andrew Grimes Jos Heart Phinehas Brown Capt Joseph Bellows as has tofore ben Deſcribed formerly Laid from Samll Gibsons to Capt Flints North East & Jos Hearts South East corner being near together then begining betwixt said corners runing Southerly on Land of Samll Herricks a few rods acrost the corner to Capt Joseph Flints Land on the line betwixt said Flints & Herricks the width of sd rode all on said Flints Land down to the East End of sd Flints barn then by said barn by the house as near as convenient to the County road Laid for a two rod rode

Dated Fitchburg March 10th 1777

Phinehas Hartwell } Committee
Charles Willard }

The town voted & Excepted the former road Leading from the County road to Samll Gibsons as is above Deſcribed if the Land is Given

34ly Fitchburg March 27th 1777 . . . . .

We being choſen to take a Survey of a road layed out by the Selectmen from Samll Gibsons House to Capt Flints according to our orders have ben & find that the Land is very bad for a road and according to our Judgments the road will be much cheaper to Leive that road By mr Harts old Seller through sd Harts Land to Land of Phinehas Browns & through sd Browns Land to Land of Mr Herricks & through sd Herricks Land to Land of Mr Charles Willards & through said Willards Land to the county road sd road Layed out by marked trees till it comes to Mr Herricks cleared Land & to the west of sd Herricks

*Now known as Caswell road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

House & so between mr Willards house and and barn a two rod road by us

Jona Wood } Towns
Willm Thurlo } Committee

[135] The town voted & accepted of the towns committees report with regard to the road Laid out from Samll Gibsons house to the county road by mr Charles Willards house

35ly Voted that the last years high way rates that is not Collected be workt out by the 10th of June and that the Last year Surveyors se that it is workt out by the time perfixed

36 Voted that the swine run at Large under the regulation of the Law . . . .

37 Voted that Mr Afa Perrys Rates Delivered him to Collect Still remain in his hands to Collect till fall meeting and as fast as collected to pay to the Town Treafury

*38 Voted to chuse a committee to Lay out a road from Samll Gibsons to the County road . . .

*39 Voted that Capt Jona Wood Capt Wm Thurlo & Joseph Adams be the Committee

40 Votes called for a County Register and brought in sealed up & A return made on the warant as Directed

This meeting adjurned to munday 31st Day of this Inftant march at twelve OClock

March 31st 1777 meet according to adjornment the meeting opened & proceeded to bifinefs

41ly Voted & chose Mr Nicholas Danforth Conftable for the North side . . . . . Conftable

This meeting Defolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Town offercers sworn

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter fs To Thomas Stearns one of the Conftables of the town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting——

These are therefore in the name of the government and people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order

*This a miftake in recording should have been 34ly & 35ly & the 34 where this is

& Direct you forthwith to notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the 31st Day of this Inftant march at One OClock in the afternoon then & there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz——

1ly To chuse a moderator to govern sd meeting

2ly To See what meafures the town will come into Relative to raifing the coto of men for Service of this State for three years according to the General Corts order & compute what has ben already done in carrying on the war or act any thing refering there too as they shall think proper when meet &c . . .

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant with with your doings therin to sum one of us at or before the Day [**136**] and time above mentioned Given under Our hands & Seal this Seventeenth Day of March and in the year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge
Phenihas Hartwell
Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibson
Kendol Boutell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worceſter: fs: March 31st 1777——

In Obedience to within written warrant I have notified and warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in sd Town on munday the 31st Day of this Inftant march at one OClock in after noon to act on the articles herein mentioned

Attest Thos Stearns Conſtable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled March 31st 1777

1ly Voted & chose David Goodridge Moderator

2ly The Queftion being put to see if the town will act upon the 2nd article in the warrant & it paſſed in the Affirmative

3ly Voted to reconſider the Laſt vote
This meeting Diſolved

David Goodridge moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter: ſs To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conſtables for the Town of Fitchburg these are therefore in the name of the Goverment & people of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify Verberly by word of mouth all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants belonging to the North Company of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſembly & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the ninth Day of June next at two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1ly To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To chuse by Ballot sum person who is firmly atteached to the American cause to procure and Lay before a Special Court of Seſſions of the Peace to be held for that purpose [137] the Evidence that may be had of the inimical diſpoſiſions towards this or any of the United States, of any Inhabitants of this Town who who shall be charged by the free holders and other Inhabitants of sd Town or act any thing refering to an act intitled An Act for Securing this and the other United States against the Danger to which they are Exposed by the internal Enemies thereof

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentiond Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 31st Day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibson
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worceſter: ſs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants = as Directed of the time & place of this meeting and for the purpose within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conſtable

(Seal) Worceſter: ſs To Thomas Stearns one of the Conſtables for the Town of Fitchburg

These are in the Name of the Government & people of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify Verbely by word of mouth all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants belonging to the South Company of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to Aſſembly and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the ninth Day of June next at two OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1ly To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2ly T chuse by ballot sum person who is firmly atteached to the American Cause to procure & lay before a Special Court of Seſſions of the Peace to be held for that purpose the Evidence that may be had of the inimical diſpoſiſsions towards this or any other of the United States of any Inhabitants of this Town who shall be charged by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town or act any thing refering to an act intitled an act for securing this and the other United States against the Danger to which they are Exposed by the internal Enemies thereof

Hereof faiel not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 30th Day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1777——

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibson
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs June 9th 1777— In Obedience to the within written warrant I have notified all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg belonging to the South Compy Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in said Town on munday the 9th Day of this Inſtant June at two O Clock in the afternoon to act on the article mention in said warrant

Thos Stearns Conſtable

[138] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled June 9th 1777 . . .

1ly Voted and made chose of Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2ly Made chois of Mr Phenihas Hartwell whome the Town Prefumes is a man Firmly atteached to the American Caufe to procure and Lay before a Special Court of Seffions of the Peace to be held for the following Purpofes, to precure the Evidence that may be had of the Enemical difpofifsions towards this or any of the United States, of any Inhabitants of this Town who shall be Charged by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town

3ly Voted that Joseph Fox & Ephraim Kimball be a Committee to go and purchase a Chist of Guns to be sold in the Town if a Sufficient Number of Men Engages to purchase the Guns

4ly Voted to adjurn this meeting to the 23rd Day of this prefent June at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

June 23rd 1777 The Town meet according to adjornment and adjorned sd meeting to the first munday in Sept next at two OClock in the afternoon at the Meeting house in sd Town

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Sept 1st 1777 Then meet according to adjornment and the Meeting opened by the moderator two Selectmen & the Town Clerk Prefent and adjornd this meeting to the Last Tusday of this prefent month three OClock in the afternoon at this place . . . . .

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Sept 30th 1777— Meet according to adjornment and the Town voted that this meeting be adjorned to the first munday of Decembr next at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

December 1st 1777 meet according to adjornment and the meeting opened by the Moderator, Three Selectmen &

Town Clerk Preſent & voted that this meeting be adjorned to the Laſt munday in this preſent month at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Decembr 29th 1777

Meet according to adjornment & the meeting opened by the Moderator, & the vote being put to see if this Meeting be Diſolved, & it paſsed in the affermative

The Meeting was accordingly Diſolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

[**139**] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conſtables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting— These are therefore in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and direct you to Notify and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſembly and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the 23rd Day of this preſent June at two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet & formed to act on the following Articles (viz)

1ly To chuſe a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2ly To chuse the number of men as Specified in an Act intitled An act for amending and more Effectually carrying into Execution and act to prevent Monopoly and Oppreſſion made in this preſent year, the Said persons to proſecute all breaches of sd act for proventing Monopoly and oppreſſion which shall come to their Knowledge or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

3ly To see what method the Town will come into with regard to raiſing the Remainder of the Continential Soldiers propotioned for this Town and compute what has already ben dun towards carrying On this preſent War or act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper when meet

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the

time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal this ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge
Joseph Walker
Phenihas Hartwell
Isaac Gibson
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worcefter: ſs: In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg of the time & place and for the purpoſes within Mentioned for this meeting

Nicholas Danforth Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Aſſembled June 23rd 1777—

1ly Voted Chose Mr Isaac Gibson Moderator

2ly The Vote was put to see if the Town would Chuse the number of Men as Specified in the Monopoly Act for the purposes Mentioned in said Monopoly Act, And it paſsed in the Affirmative

3ly Voted to chuse five Men for the purpoſes in the warrant for this meeting in the 2nd Article

4ly Voted and Chose Majr Ebnr Bridge
5ly Voted and Chose Mr Aſa Perry
6ly Voted and Chose Mr Samll Herrick
7ly Voted and Chose Mr Elijah Garfield
8ly Voted and Chose Mr Daniel Farwell
} The five men choſen by the Town Excepted of their appointment & promised to take the Oath when requested by yc Selectmen

[140] 9ly The vote was put to see if the Town would Eſtimate the Cost of the preſent war Each Compy by themſelves; and it paſsed in the Affermative

10ly Voted to Chuſe Seven Men to Eſtimate what has ben Don in the preſent War

11ly Voted & chose Mr Ebnr Bridge
12ly Voted & chose Joseph Fox
13ly Voted & chose Samll Parce
14ly Voted & Chose Daniel Putnam
15ly Voted & chose Daniel Farwell
16ly Voted & Chose Capt Jona Wood
17ly Voted & Chose Capt Wm Thurlo
} Committee

18ly A vote was put to see if the Town would pay the cost of the War when Eſtemated, by A rate of the Town

And it paſsed in the Affermative . . .

19ly Voted that the Capt of Each Compy the Selectmen & Committee be impowered to borrow a Sufficient Sum of money to pay our Continential Soldiers that is not paid Sufficient to make up Our Coto of Continential Soldiers upon the Towns Credit . . . . .

20ly Voted that no man that cannot be Legally Affeſsed receive any money out of the Town Treaſury by the Eſtamation made for the preſent war

21ly Voted that this meeting be adjornd to the first Day of July next at this place at four OClock in the afternoon

July 1st 1777——

The Town meet according to adjornment

The committee that was appointed to Eſtimate what has ben don in the preſent war has attended that Service and made their report

22ly It was put to vote to see if the Town would accept of the Eſtimation made by the Committee and it paſsed in the Negative . . . . .

23ly Voted that the Capts Selectmen & Committee return the money which they was ordered to borrow to pay Continential Soldiers that is not already procured . . .

24ly Voted that this meeting be Diſolved and the articles Stand as they are now recorded . . . . .

Isaac Gibson Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[141] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conſtables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting——

In the name of the Government and people of the Maſſachuſetts Bay you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the thirtieth Day of this preſents month at One

OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1ly To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2ly To vote the Reverend John Payson his Salury for the Year Enfuing—& Likewife to see if the Town will make any Addition to his Salury for the year Enfuing . .

3ly To raise money for the School for the year Enfuing

4ly To chuse a Committee to provide a School or schools for the year Enfuing

5ly To see what method the Town will come intoo to provide the Reverend John Payson his wood . . .

6ly To raise money to Support Mifs Hart the Year Enfuing . . . . .

7ly To have all persons thats Done Service for the Town bring in their acts and raise money for the Same

8ly To raise money to Defray Town charges for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

9ly To see if the Town will raise money for the Amimition & Guns provided by the Selectmen for the Towns Use or act any thing refering theretoo

10ly To see if the Town will raise money to purchase more Aminition & Guns for the Towns Use . . .

11ly To see if the Town will come into sum method that the money paid in this Town to hire the three Years Continential men be made into a rate or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this fifteenth Day of Sept and in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge
Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibson
Kendol Boutell
} Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worcefter: fs: In Obedience to the within warrant to me Directed I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting & for the purpofes within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conftable

[142] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled Sept 30th 1777 . . .

1ly Voted & made Chofe of Deacon Goodridge as Moderator

2ly Voted the Reverend John Payson his Salury which is £66 13 4

3ly Voted to make Mr Payson sum confideration for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

4ly Voted to reconfider the Last vote . . . . .

5ly Voted to raise Thirty pounds to Support the Schools the Year Enfuing . . . . . 30 – –

6ly Voted & chose David Parce Nicholas Danforth Abraham Farwell Daniel Farwell & Capt Cowdin a Committee to provide Schools the Year Enfuing

7ly Voted to give Samll Parce £7-0-0 for giting Mr Payson Thirty Cord of Good Wood One whole Year beginning the first of Decmbr Next the Wood to be corded up at Mr Paysons house Acording to Law £7 – –

8ly Voted to Raise Six pounds to Support Mifs Hart One whole Year the money to be paid to Mr Poole 6 – –

9ly Voted to allow Capt Thomas Cowdin his acct which is . . . . . 0 19 –

10ly Voted to allow Capt Reuben Gibson his act which is . . . . . 2 8 3 pd

11ly Voted to allow Afeph Goodridge his act which is 0 11 6

12ly Voted to allow Capt Goodridge his act which is 0 8 0

13ly Voted to allow Solomon Steward his act which is 1 16 0

14ly Voted to allow Capt Jona Wood his act in part which is 4 0 0

15ly Voted to allow Capt Goodridge his Act for Serving as Selectman & Affefsor for the Year past . . 1 0 0

16ly Voted to allow Isaac Gibson his Act for Serving as Selectman & Affefsor the year past 1 0 0

17ly Voted to allow Joseph Walker his Act for Serving as Selectman & Affefsor the Year Past 1 0 0

18ly Voted to allow Phinehas Hartwell his Act for Serving As Selectman & Affefsor the Year past . . 1 0 0

19ly Voted to allow four of the Selectmen for shillings Each for numbering the people Last winter which is – 16 0

20ly Voted to Raise Thirty pounds to Defray Nefefary charges 30 0 0

21ly Voted to Raise twenty one pound Seven shillings to pay for the Aminition provided by the Selectmen 21 7 0

22nd Voted to Raise Thirty five pounds two shillings to pay for nine Guns purchafed by the Selectmen for ys Towns Use 35 2 0

23ly Voted to sell the Nine Guns purchafed by the Selectmen for the most they can be sold for . . .

24ly Voted that the Selectmen Sell the Guns and be accountable to the Town for what they sell them for and to rent them out untill sold if wanted . . . . .

[143] 25ly Voted to raife Thirty pounds to purchafe Aminition for the Towns Use £30 0 0

26ly Voted not to act upon the 11th Article in the warrant

The meeting Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: fs: To Thomas Stearns one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg——Greeting . . . .

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and People of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order and Direct you forthwith to notify by Verbal warning the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the Seventeenth Day of this Inftant November at one OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . . .

1ly To Chufe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly To see if the Town will take into Confideration & Remonftrate to the General Court against a Late Act made for putting large Sums of the Bills of Credit Emitted by this State on Interest on the first Day of December next & prohibiting the Currency of any of the Bills of the United States on Penalty of Five pounds &c And

Petition for a Redreſs of said agrievences or act any thing theiron as they shall think Propper . . . .

3ly To see if the Town will take into Conſideration a Late Act of the General Court for providing Neceſsaries for the Families of the non Commiſsioned Offercers and Soldiers as have Engaged in the Continential Service for this Town and Act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . . .

4ly To see if the Town will agree with Mr Ezra Upton for a Certain two Rod road running from John Carters Land to the County Road or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

5ly To see if the Town will abate any of the Rates in any of the Conſtables Lists or act any thing Refering theirto as think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doing theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Tenth Day of Novr & in the Year of Our Lord 1777——

N: B Sir you are to warn all the South side as heretofore—

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibson
Kendal Boutell
} Selectmen of Fitchburgh

[144] Worceſter: ſs Novr 14th 1777 . . .

In Obedience to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting as Deſcribed in said warrant &c . . . . .

Thomas Stearns Conſtable

(Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . .

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and people of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and Direct you forthwith to Notify by Verbal Warning the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble at the Meeting House in Fitchburg On Munday

the Seventeenth Day of this Inſtant November at one OClock in the afternoon then and their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1ly To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2ly To see if the Town will take into Conſideration & Remonſtate to the General Court against a Late Act made for putting Large sums of the Bills of Credit Emitted by this State on Interest on the first Day of December next & prohibiting the Currency of any of the Bills of the United States on penalty of Five pounds &c. and pertition for a Redreſs of said agrevences or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . . .

3ly To see if the Town will take into Conſideration a Late Act of the General Court for providing Neceſsaries for the familyes of the Non Commiſſioned Offercers & Soldiers as have Engaged in the Continential Service for this Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . .

4ly To see if the Town will agree with Mr Ezra Upton for a certain two rod road Running from John Carters Land to the County Road or act any thing theiron as they shall think Proper . . . .

5ly To see if the Town will abate any of the Rates in any of the Conſtables Lists or act any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Tenth Day of Novr And in the Year of Our Lord 1777 . . . .

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibson
Kendal Boutell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

N: B
Sir you are to warn all the North side as here tofore——

[145] Worceſter: ſs: In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place within Mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Aſſembled Novr 17th 1777

1ly Voted and Chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2ly Voted to Act upon the second Article in the Warrant

3ly Voted to Remonſtrate to the Great and General Court for the Redreſs of the agrevances mentioned in the Second Article in the Warrant and Lay it before the Town for conſideration

4ly Voted to Chuse five men as a committee

5ly Voted and Chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell Majr Bridge Lievt Abraham Gibson Capt Joseph Flint & Lievt Kendal Boutell the Committee . . . . .

6ly Voted to paſs Over the Third Article in the Warrant to certain time when this meeting shall be adjorned

7ly Voted to chuse a Committee to Settle with Mr Ezra Upton with regard to the road Leading from John Carters Land to the County Road. . . . .

8ly Voted to chuse three men for the Committee

9ly Voted & chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell

10ly Voted & chose Mr Isaac Gibson

11ly Voted & chose Capt Joseph Flint

12ly Voted that this meeting be adjorned to munday the 24th of this preſent Month at one OClock in the afternoon at this place. . . . .

Novr 24th 1777.

The Town meet according to adjornment

13ly Voted to chuse a Committee as was mentioned in a Late act of Court to Surply the non Commiſſioned Offercers and Private Soldiers Engaged in the Continential Army with the Neceſſaries of Life as mentioned in said Act

14ly Voted to Chuse three as a Committee

15ly Voted & chose Deacon Thurſtin
16ly Voted & chose Capt Jona Wood
17ly Voted & chose Capt Reuben Gibson
} the Committee

18ly The Remonſtance Drew up by the Committee appointed to send to the General Court presented it to the Town and the Town Conſidered it and Voted to accept it and send it to the General Court

19ly Voted that the Town Clerk Draw a Coppy of the Remonſtance & send it to the General Court and Sign it in the Behalf of the Town

The meeting Diſolved

Phinehas Hartwell Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[146] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To Nicholas Danforth One of the Conſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh—Greeting——

In the name of the Government and people of the Maſſachuſetts Bay you are hereby ordered to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the fifth Day of February next at One OClock in the afternoon then & their being Duly meet & formed to Act on the following articles (viz)

1ly To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting . .

2ly To take into conſideration a Late Act of the General Court Enabling such Towns as incline to raise such sums of money for the purpose of Leſſening their propotion of the publick Debt or any part or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper when meet

3ly To see if the town will take into Conſideration, The confederation sent out by the Continential Congreſs to the Several States which is communicated to the Several Towns in this State by our General Court for their Approbation or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper when meet . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under Our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Twenty third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . .

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibson
Kendal Boutell
} Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worcefter: ſs In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the freeholders & other Inhabitants Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the time & place and for the purpoſes within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Aſsembled February 5th 1778——

1ly Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2ly Voted not to raise any money as mentioned in the 2nd article in the warrant in order to Leſsen our Publick Debt . . .

3ly Voted to Concur with the Confederation sent out by the Congreſs of the United States

This meeting Diſolved David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[147] (Seal) Worcefter: ſs: To Thomas Stearns one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting

These are therefore in the Name of the Government & people of the State Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and direct you forth with to notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſembly at the meeting houſe in Fitchburg on munday the Second Day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then & their being duly meet meet and formed to act on the following articles

1ly To chuse a moderator to Govern Said meeting

2ly To chuse Town offercers for the Year Enſuing as the Law directs

3ly To provide for the poor and Endigent persons of said Town and in what way and manner as shall be thought most proper

4ly To grant money for repairing the highways the preſent year or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . . .

5ly To Accept of such roads as the Town shall think nefeſary that are laid out by the Selectmen or their order

6ly To have all the Surveyors of Highways & highway Collectors for the Year past to make a return of their Collections and what is behind in their Lists to the Town the Day & time above mentioned for further orders as shall be thought most proper by ye town

7ly To see if the swine may go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the Enfuing year . . . . .

8ly To here the report of the Reckning with The Town Treafury for the Year past . . . . .

9ly To see if the Town will allow Mr Pooles corner to have the school money, that they neglected schooling out Last year . . . . .

10ly To see what method the South Militia Company under the command of Capt Jona Wood in said Town will take to raise that part of money which is yet Due. That the Selectmen & Committee of Said Town was impoured to borrow for the Use of Hireing Continential Soldiers which said Selectmen & committee are on behalf of said Company accountable for or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper to Difcharge said Town

11ly To see how the Town will dispose of the money which the Selectmen have recd for the proviſions sent to the Soldiers at Concord fight or any thing refering there too

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Joseph Walker
Isaac Gibson
Kendal Boutell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this ninth Day of february & in the Year of our Lord 1778 . . .

[148] Worcefter: fs March 2nd 1778 . . .

In Obedience to this warrant I have Notifyed the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to Vote in Town meeting to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Munday the Second Day of March next at

Nine OClock in the morning in order to act on the articles mentioned in Said warrant &c

Thomas Stearns Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Aſſembled March 2nd 1778 . . .

1ly Voted & made Choiſe of Deacon David Goodridge Moderator

2ly Voted & chose Deacod Goodridge 1st Selectman

3ly Voted & chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell 2nd Selectman

4ly Voted & chose Lievt Abraham Gibson 3rd Selectman

5ly Voted & chose Lievt Elijah Carter 4th Selectman

6ly Voted & chose Mr Thomas Hartwell 5th Selectman

7ly Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . . . Town Clerk

8ly Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Treaſury . Town Treaſury

9ly Voted & chose Mr Isaac Gibson
10ly Voted & Chose Mr Joseph Walker
11ly Voted & chose Mr Daniel Putnam
} Committy of Corriſpondence inſpection & Safty

12ly Voted and chose Mr Aſa Perry . . . Conſtable for the South side

13ly Voted & chose Mr Joseph Adams . . Conſtable for the North side

14ly Voted to Excuse Mr Aſa Perry being Conſtable for the south side this Year

15ly Voted & chose Mr Jeſse French . . . Conſtable for south side

16ly Voted & chose Mr Joseph Sawyer
17ly Voted & chose Mr Wm Brown
} Wardens

18ly Voted & chose Mr Nicholas Danforth
19ly Voted & chose Mr Paul Wetherbee
} Tything men

20ly Voted That the Selectmen be Aſſeſsor . Aſſeſsors

21ly Voted & chose Mr Reuben Gibson Junr Capt Jona Wood Mr Samll Harriſs Junr Mr Oliver Stickney Mr Thos Stearns Mr Abraham Farwell Mr John Parks & Mr Jonathan Holt Surveyer of Highways & Collectors of the highway Taxes . . . . Surveyer of Highways & Collector of highway Taxes

22ly Voted & chose Mr Joſhua Parce & John Buſs . . Dear Reves

23ly Voted & Chose Mr John Buſs & Peter Nurs . . Fire wards

24ly Voted & chose Mr Elijah Macintire Mr Ebnr Polley Mr Thomas Kimball & Mr Maximillion Jewett . . . Hog Reves

25ly Voted & chose Mr Solomon Steward . . Surveyor of Shingles & Clabbords

[149] 26ly Voted & chose Capt Jonathan Wood . . Surveyor of hoops & Staves

27ly Voted & chose Mr Joſhua Goodridge & Mr Amos Ordeway . . . . . Fence Vewers

28ly Voted & chose Mr Kendal Bancroft . . . Sealer of Lother

29ly Voted & chose Mr David Parce . . . Sealer of Weights & meaſures

30ly Voted that the Town of Fitchburg pay Mr James Poole fifteen pounds to Board Miſs Heart One whole year and so in propotion provided She should not live the year out £5 0 0

31ly Voted that this meeting be adjorned to Munday the ninth Day of this Inſtant March at nine OClock in the forenoon at this place . . .

March 9th 1778 . . . .

The Town meet according to adjornment & proceeded upon Beſinef

32ly Voted that Each man that works upon the high ways the Preſent year be allowed 1/4 for Each hours work upon the Spot

33ly Voted that A pair Oxen Cart & Plow be as much more in propotion as A man has by the hour more than Uſeal for highway work . . . .

34ly Voted to Raise One hundred & Fifty pounds to mend the highways this preſent Year . . . .

35ly Voted to Diſcontinue a Certain road Laid out by the Towns Committee March 27th 1777–, Through Mr Charles Willards Land & Samuel Herricks till it comes to Land of Phinehas Browns & then through A corner of Phinehas Browns till it comes near Harts Seller Hole . .

36ly Voted & Chose Mr Samll Gibson Mr Lemuel Hafkiel Mr Jona Brooks Mr Jos Hart Mr Phinehas Brown Capt Joseph Flint & Capt Reuben Gibson a committee to Lay out a road from Mr Samll Gibsons House to the County Road . . . | Committee to lay out a rode from Samll Gibsons House to the County Road

37ly Voted that the Last Years Surveyers of highways see that the whole of their Rates be workt out by the Tenth of June next . . . . .

38ly Voted that the Swine Run at Large this Year under the Regulation of the Law . . .

39ly Voted to Except of the Town Treafurys act as they stand Setled with the Selectmen which is as follows viz——

They find in Lievt Silas Snows hands . .	£3	6	8 2
They find in Solomon Stewards hands . .	5	0	0 0
They find in Afa Perrys hands	13	15	3 0
They find in Phinehas Sawyers Jur hands	6	18	8 1
They find in Capt. Reuben Gibsons hands .	24	8	7 –
They find in Thos Stearns hands for the year 1776	15	5	1 1
[**150**] They find in Nicholas Danforths hands	£122	16	2 0
They find in Thos Stearns hands for the year 1777	118	4	11 0
They find in the Town Treafurys hand .	37	4	0 3
They alfo find a note in the Town Treasurys hand the Towns property signd by Francies Fullum Dated Decembr 31st 1772 on Interest contents of said note	2	2	0 3

40ly Voted that the school money belonging to Mr Pools corner the last year be not allowed to them as it was not schooled out in the time perfixed . . . .

41ly Voted to pafs over the Eleventh article in ys warrant . . . . .

42ly Voted to Reconfider the Last vote . . .

43ly Voted that all the money that was recd by the Selectmen for the Provifions that was carried to Our people at Concord fight, Excepting Two pounds Thirteen shillings & 4d Be paid to The Reverend John Payson, which sum of two pounds Thirteen shillings & 4d be paid to

Majr Ebnr Bridge & Thos Cowdin Junr the full sum the Selectmen Recd was £14–11–0 . . . . . £11 17 8

the above paid

44ly Voted a chose Aſa Perry Conſtable for the south side . . . . . Conſtable

Fitchburg Febry 2nd 1778 . . .

A two rod road Laid out by the Selectmen begining at a small hemlock tree near Kendoll Boutells house Runing North till it comes to Land that Thos Cowdin sold to Thos Hill and Land that said Cowdin sold to James Patterson till it comes to Land now in Poſſeſsion of said Cowdin then make a turn till said Road comes to the East line of said Cowdins Land then Runs on the East Side of said Cowdins Land or as near as may be till said road Strikes Hezekiah Hodgſkins Land and the Land given to the said Town of Fitchburg provided the town procures a Road through said Hodgskins & Paul Wetherbees Land and said Road Deſcribed by marked trees on the West side of Said road

Thos Cowdin

Alſo a two Rod road laid out through a corner of Hezekiah Hodgſkins Land till it comes to Land ownd by Paul Wetherbee Called the ridge so through said Wetherbees Land till it comes to the Pitch of the Hill at the End of the ridge then through a small corner of sd Hodgskins Land till it Strikes the Town Road

David Goodridge, Isaac Gibson, Joseph Walker } Selectmen For Fitchburgh

The above Deſcribed Road Excepted by the Town & the Land Given by Thos Cowdin Hezekiah Hodgskins & Paul Wetherbee

[151] Fitchburgh Febry 6th 1778 . . .

*Laid out for, & requested by Edward Scott of the Town of Fitchburgh, a two Rod road begining at a former Road Laid out by the Courts committee for the Use of said Farm which Leads to Lunenburg, first begining near

*Discontinued. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

a Certain Great Rock in said Scotts Land at the End of the above mentioned Road Runing up againſt the Barn then turning up between the two Dwelling houſes from thence going South through the Orchard to the Common Land and through the Common about 3 or 4 Score Rods to Mr Scotts New purchaſe Runing all on said Scotts Land to a former Road Runing from Ebnr Thurſtins Houſe to the Meeting houſe, treeſe marked on the Eaſterly ſide of said Road . . . . .

Iſaac Gibson, Phinehas Hartwell, Edward Scott } Committee appointed By the Selectmen for the above purpoſe

This road Excepted by the Town and the Land given by Edward Scott . . . . .

This meeting adjorned by the Moderator to the Laſt munday of this preaſent month at One O Clock in the afternoon at this place

March 30th 1778 . . . . .

The town meet according to adjornment and proceeded to beſineſs . . . . .

This is to Certify to the Town that we as a committee have Laid out a road from Mr Harts old Seller upon Mr Phinehas Browns & Mr Harts Line they being willing to give their Land then coming upon the line between Mr Herricks & Mr Harts they being willing to give their Land if Mr Herrick can have a Road from his houſe through Mr L. Macintires Land to the County Road without any charge to the Town for the Land of ſaid Road then coming upon the Land of Mr Jacob Uptons to the County Road . . . . .

Samll Gibson, Lemuel Hafkiel, Joseph Hart, Jonathan Brooks, Phinehas Brown, Joseph Flint, Reuben Gibson } Committee

The Town voted & Excepted the whole of the Roads as above Deſcribed if the Land is given . . . . .

This meeting Diſolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[152] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To Joseph Adams one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg greeting these are therefore in the Name and Government & people of the Maſsachuſetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the Free holders & other Inhabetants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg On the 30th Day of this Inſtant march at twelve of the Clock of sd Day then & their being duly meet & formed to act on the following Articles (viz) . . . . .

1ly To chose a Moderator to Govern sd meeting . .

2ly To see what method the Town will come into concerning repairing the great Bridge near the meeting house or act any thing Refering theirto as it has ben requested By a number of the Inhabitants of said Town

3ly To see if the Town will take The Reverend Mr Payſsons request into Conſideration or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

4ly To if the Town will take into conſideration the State of the Continential Soldiers that Engaged for said Town & here their Request or act any thing thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings therein to Sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this twelth Day of this Inſtant march and in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . . . .

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Carter
Thomas Hartwell
} Selectmen For Fitchburgh

Worceſter: ſs March 30th 1778 . . . . .

In obedience to the within writen warrant I have notifyed & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & Place as within Requested

Joseph Adams Conſtable for Fitchburgh

At a leagal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled March 30th 1778 . . .

1ly Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2ly Voted to chuse a committee to take care of the great Bridge near the Senter of the Town & to keep it in good repair the prefent year

3ly Voted to chuse three men for the Committee

4ly Voted & chose Joseph Adams Joseph Walker & Capt Cowdin to be of the Committee

} Committee to take care of the Bridge near the Sentr of the Town ——

5ly It was put to vote to see if the Bridge should be covered with Oak plank which the Committee is to take care off. and it pafsed in the Affermative

6ly Voted that William Brown be one of the Committee to take care of the Bridge near the Senter of the Town in the Rome of Joseph Walker

[153] 7ly Voted that Deacon Thurstins Lievt Boutell Capt Joseph Flint & Mr Joseph Walker be a Committee to carry the Subfcribtion paper or papers about to the Inhabitants of Said Town to subfcribe sum of the Neffefarys of Life or any thing they please to Subfcribe for Mr Paysons support . . . .

8ly Voted that this meeting be adjurned to the 13th Day of April next at One OClock in the afternoon at this place . . . .

David Goodridge moderator

April 13th 1778

The Town meet according to adjornment

9ly Voted & chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell Moderator in the rome of Deacon Goodridge who was abfent . . .

The committee appointed by the Town to carry the Subfcribtion papers about to the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to Subfcribe sum of the Nefefarys of Life, for Mr Paysons support as a prefent to him, made their report to the Town and Prefented it to him, which was kindly Excepted by Mr Payson, and sd he was well Satisfied with what the Town had dun, untill Sept next whis will be one year from the time the Subfcribtion paper was Dated

The meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: ſs: To Afa Perry one of the Conſtables for the Town of Fitchburg . . . . Greeting——

These are in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay To order and direct you forthwith for to Notify & Warn all the Voatable Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to Aſſemble and meet att the meeting house in said Town on munday ye 13th of April next at One OClock in the afternoon of s^d^ Day then & their being Duly mett & formed to act on the following articles . . . . .

1^ly^ To chuse a Moderator to Govern Said meeting

2^ly^ To see if the Town will Accept of the List of Juremen as fixed by the Selectmen, And make return of your doings to sum one of us on or before said Day Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 30th of March 1778 . . . . .

David Goodridge, Abraham Gibson, Thos Hartwell } Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In obedience to the within warrant I have notifyed the Inhabitants as within Directed

Fitchburg April 13th 1778 Afa Perry Conſtable

[154] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Aſſembled April 13th 1778——

1^ly^ Voted & Chose Liev^t^ Elijah Carter Moderator

2^ly^ Voted to Except of the list of Juremen as fixed by the Selectmen

The meeting Difolved

Elijah Carter Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To Afa Perry one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting These are in the name of the Government & people of the State of the Maſſachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to

Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the South Compy of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meeting, by Verble warning to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the Eight day of this Inftant may at five OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and Formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1ly To chose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly To see what method the town will dispose of the money that the General Court has allowed To the Town for Each man they shall Engage for the Continential Service for said Town agreable agreable to the refolve of sd Court or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . .

3ly To see if the Town will take any other method befides drafting or with Drafting as the cafe may require to raise men for the War & make a Just Estimation on what Each man has done in the prefent war from the begining of Said War and raise men for the future by a rate in said Town for any Detachment whatsoever or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . .

Here of Fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this Eight Day of May before the time of meeting and in the Year of Our Lord 1778

Phinehas Hartwell
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Carter
Thos Hartwell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worcefter: fs: In obedience to the within warrant I have verbally warned the Inhabitants of the South side of the Town to meet at place and time appointed

Afa Perry Conftable

Fitchburg may ye 8th 1778

[155] (Seal) Worcefter: fs: To Mr Joseph Adams One of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

Thefe are in the Name of the Government and people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order and direct

you forthwith to Notify all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the North Company of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings by Verbal warning to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the Eighth Day of this Inftant may at five of the Clock in the afternoon then and their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

(viz) 1ly To chose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly To see what method the Town will Dispose of the money that the Greart and General Court has allowed or Devoted to the Town for Each man they shall Engage for the Continential Service for said Town agreable to the Refolve of said Court or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

3ly To see whether the Town will take any other method befides Drafting or with Drafting as the Case may require to raise men for the War and make a Just Eftimation on what Each man has done in the prefent war from the begining of said war. & raise men for the futer by a Rate in said Town for any Detachments whatfoever or act any thing Refering theretoo as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theirin to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Eight Day of may before the time of meeting and in the Year of our Lord 1778 . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Carter
Thos Hartwell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Fitchburg may 1778 . . . . .

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & place as within requested

Joseph Adams Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled May 8th 1778 . . .

1ly Voted & chose Majr Ebnr Bridge moderator . . .

2ly Voted that the four hundred Dollers allowed by the General Court to Raise four Continential Soldiers for this Town be paid to the four men that shall Engage . .

3ly Voted that the Town Treafury give his note upon Interest to the four Soldiers that shall Engage in the Continential Service for a hundred Dollars Each to be paid by him or his Sucfefor or hire the money for them upon the Towns Credit . . . .

4ly A vote was put to see if the Town would Eftimate what has ben done the prefent War by companys to raise and pay their Coto of Continential men and it pafed in the affirmative . . . . .

[156] 5ly A vote was put to see if the Eftimation should be Eaqual pr month & it pafsed in the affirmative

6ly Voted that the Offercers Selectmen & committee proceed to raise the Continential men according to the Eftimation by the month and according to Each mans Tax in the Town Rate

7ly Voted that this meeting be Difolved

Ebnr Bridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: fs: To Joseph Adams one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg. You are in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to require & Direct you to Notify all the freeholders & other Inhabitants that are free & twenty One Years of Age in the Town of Fitchburg to Affembly at the meeting house in Fitchburg On Fryday the twenty second day of this Inftant May at two of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . . .

1ly To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2ly To see whether the Town will Give there approbation or disapprobation on the Form of Government agreed upon by a Convention of said State February 28th 1778 to be Laid before the Several Towns in this State . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to sum one of us at or before the

Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal the Eight Day of this Inftant may & in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . .

Phinehas Hartwell
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Carter
Thoˢ Hartwell
} Selectmen for Fitchburgh

Worceſter: ſs: May 22ⁿᵈ 1778—

In obedience to the within warrant I have notifyed and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at time & place as within Required in sᵈ warrant . . . . .

Joseph Adams Conſtable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings Aſſembled May 22ⁿᵈ 1778 . . . .

1ˡʸ Voted & Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator . . .

2ⁿᵈ The vote being put by the Moderator for the approbation of the Town or Disapprobation of the Form of Government or Conſtitution and the vote was as follows For the Conſtitution 22 against the Conſtitution 4

This meeting Diſolved . . . . .

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[157] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs To Joseph Adams one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg . . Greeting——

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and people of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify by Verbal warning all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in town meetings to Aſſemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the twenty second Day of this inſtant may at six OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1ˡʸ To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2ˡʸ To see if the Town will bring in their votes for sum Diſcreet Sutable perſon having a freehold within said

County as the Law directs for a County Treafury to ſerve in ſaid County . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to ſum one of us at or before the time and hour above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal this Twenty ſecond Day of this Inſtant may & in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . .

David Goodridge, Abraham Gibson, Elijah Carter, Thoˢ Hartwell } Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worceſter: ſs May 22ⁿᵈ 1778 . . .

In Obedience to the within warrant I have Notifyed and warnd the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg according to the Intents of sᵈ Warrant . . .

Joſeph Adams Conſtable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings Aſſembled May 22ⁿᵈ 1778

1ly Voted & choſe Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2 The votes for a County Regiſter being called for and brought in and ſeald up as directed

The meeting Diſolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter: ſs To Aſa Perry Conſtable Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

Theſe are in the name of the Government and people of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and Direct you forthwith to Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble at the meeting houſe in Fitchburgh on munday the 24th of this inſtant Auguſt at One O Clock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1ly To chuſe a moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

[158] 2ly To see if the Town will Chuse a Conſtable for the North Part of sd Town to Supply the Place of Mr Joseph Adams Deceaſed . . . . .

3ly To see whether the Town will Conſider the Widow Adams in regard, in regard to her Collecting the Continential Rate by Committing the List to any other Conſtable or act any other way as they shall think proper

Here of fail not and make return of your doings to sum one of us on or before said Day given under our hands and Seal this 7th Day of August A: D: 1778 . . .

David Goodridge } Selectmen
Phinehas Hartwell } For
Abraham Gibson } Fitchburgh

Worceſter: ſs: In Obedience to the within warrant I have notifyed the Inhabitants of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place within Directed

Aſa Perry Conſtable

Fitchburgh August 24th 1778

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Aſſembled on the 24th of August 1778 . . .

1ly Voted and Chose Deacon David Goodridge moderator to govern sd meeting

2ly Voted and Chose Daniel Putnam Conſtable for the north side of sd Town . . . .

3ly Voted to accept of Mr Jonathan Holt in the Rome of Daniel Putnam for the Year 1778 to Serve as Conſtable

4ly The town voted that the Aſſeſsors shall take the Aſſeſment that was Commited to Joseph Adams & Committ it to Jonathan Holt to Collect the Remainder of sd Collection & pay sd aſſesment by order of warrant to the Province Treaſury

David Goodridge Moderator

A true Coppy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[159] (Seale) Worceſter ſs To Aſe Perry one of the Cunſtabls for the Town of Fitchburgh Gretings . . . In the name of the Goverment and People of the maſsachuſets

bay you are requird to warne all the free holders and other inhabtance of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in towne metings to Aſsemble and meet at the meeting House in fitchburgh on Tueſday the 13 day of octobr next at one o clock in the after noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the following articls Viz . . . . .

1ly To Chuſe a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2ly To Vote the Revrent Mr John Payson his Sallery for the year Enſuing and likewise to See if the Town will make aney addition to the Sallery for the year Inſuing or act aney thing Refering there unto as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3ly to Raiſe money for the Schoole or Schools for the year Inſuing . . . . .

4ly To Chuſe a Committe to provide a Scool or Scools for the year Inſuing

5ly to See what method the Town will Come into to provide the Revrent mr John Payson his wood . . .

6ly to raise money to Suporte mrs Hart the year inſuing and other of the poor belongin to Town . . .

7ly to have all perſons that hath Don Serves for the Town to bring in their acounts and raiſe money for the same . . . . .

8ly to Raiſe money to Defray Town and all other neceſary Chares that are or Shall ariſe . . . . .

9ly to See if the Town will here the Request of mr Joseph fox in Regard to his Serving as Town Treaſurer and Town Cleark and act aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper . . . . .

10ly to See if the Town will Hear the request of a number of the inhabitants in regard to Rasing a Bounty for those that Shall Kill Wile Cats or Bears in fd town

11ly to See if the town abate aney rates in aney of the old Cunſtables Liſts . . . . .

12ly to See if the Town will appoint Sum Sutable perſon to Git the Towne a buering Cloathe and raiſe money for the Same . . . . .

Here of faile not and make returne of this warrant to Sume one of us at or before the Day and time above

mentned—Given under our hands and Seale at fitchburgh this twenty Eighth Day of Septembr and in the year Lord 1778

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Carter
} Select men for Fitchburg

Worcefter fs In obediance to the within warrent I have notifyd the Inhabitents as within Directed

Fitchburgh octobr the 13 1778

Afe Perre Cunftabl

[**160**] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Afsembled octobr 13 1778 . . .

1ly Voted and chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2ly Voted the Revrent John Payson his Salory which is £66 13 4

3ly Voted to raise £233=6=8 and allow mr Payson in aditon his Sallary for the prefent Year . . . 233 6 8

4ly Voted to Raife two hundred pounds to hire Scool master or masters or mistrefes . . . .

5ly Voted to chuse Capt William Thurlo one of of the Committe to provide Scool mafter or mafters & Thos Stearns oliver Stickne mr Joſeph Walker mr William Brown . . . . . Scool Commite

6ly Voted that Each Quarter Receve their proportion of the money Raised for the Scool as uſal

7ly Voted that the Lowest bidder Shall Git mr Payson wood which is 30 Coard at the price he Shall bid it off at . . . .

8ly Voted to Give Willm Small Thirty foure pounds for Giting mr Payson Thirty Cords of Good wood one whole year beginng the first Day of Decmbr next the wood to be Coarded up at mr Paysons house acording to Law . . . . . £34 0 0 pd 1778

9ly Voted to Rais fifteen pounds to Suport mrs Hart to be paid to mr James Poole as was voted Last march meeting provided She Should Live the year out £15 0 0

10ly Voted to allow majr Ebnr Bridge his a Count £2 2 0

11ly Voted to alow Joſeph Sawyer his acount which is 1 10 0

12ly Voted to allow Dr Thadues maccarty his acount which is 2 0 0

13ly Votted to allow mr Phinehas Hartwell his a Count which is 11 10 0

14ly Voted to allow Leut Kindall Boutall his a Count which is 4 10 0

15ly Voted to mr Iſaac Gibson his a Count which is 4 0 0

16ly Voted to alow Liut abraham Gibson his a Count which is 7 10 0

17ly Voted to allow Liut Elijah Carter his acount which is 6 0 0

[**161**] 18ly Voted to alow mr Joſeph Walker his acount which is £10 1 0

19ly Voted to alow Decon David Goodridge his acount which is 10 10 0

20ly Voted to allow mr Ephm Kimball his acount which is 5 8 0

21ly Voted to allow the Selectmens acount which is £218 16 0

22ly Voted to Raiſe foure hundred pounds to Defray necesery Chargis 400 0 0

23ly Voted that this meeting be adgurnd to Capt Cowdins East Rume forth with . . . . .

24ly Voted to diſmiſs Joseph Fox for serving as Town Clerk & Town Treaſurer for this preſent Year . . .

25ly Voted and Chooſe Capt Thos Cowdin Town Clerk, in the room of Joseph Fox diſmiſsed . . . . .

26ly Voted & chooſe Capt Thos Cowdin Town Treaſurer in the room of Joseph Fox diſmiſsed . . .

27ly Voted that the Town Treaſurer provide a Book to keep an Account of the Orders given out, and Likewiſe when pay,d out . . . . .

28ly Voted to abate Samll Harriſs,s rates in Thos Stearn,s Lists viz for the Years 1776 & 1777 both Years being £2 13 8 1

29ly Voted that the Town shall have a Burying Cloth or Cloths . . . .

30ly Voted that Capt Wm Thurlo provide Two Burying Cloths for the Town . . .

This Meeting Diſsolved

David Goodridge Moderator

A True Coppe from the minets

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To Jonathan Holt one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greting Theſe are therfore in the name of the Goverment and people of the maſsachuſsets bay to order and Direct you forthwith to notify all the free holders and other inhabitents of the town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by law to vote in Town meeting to aſsemble at the meeting house in fitchburgh on tuesday the tenth Day of Novr next at one of the Clock in the after noon then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the following articls viz . . . . .

1 to Chuſe a moderator to Govern sd meeting . . .

2ly to See if the Town will take into Conſideration the Revrant mr Paysons further request in regard to his Support in the Gospel miniſtrey or act aney thing referring there to as they shall think proper . . . .

[162] 3ly to See if the Town will axcept of and abid the Judgment and Determination of the arbitrators appointed by the towne of Fitchburgh on one parte and mr Ezra upton the other part which they have and do award and order to be paid to mr Ezra upton for a Sertain two rod road laid out by the Town of fitchburgh through sd uptons Land as damiges as will appear by sd award, or act aney thing refferng there to as they Shall think proper . . . .

4ly to See if the Town will approve of the aſsesſors making up the Town rate before we receve the provanc Tax bill or act aney thing there on as Shall be thought proper . . . .

5ly to have all those Cunſtables that have rates to be a bated to apear that Cant be Collected on their Liſts

6ly to See if the Town will vote to have all the orders that are Given by the Select men or Scool Committes brot in at Some Set time . . . . .

Here of faile not and make return of this warrent with your dowings there on to some one of us at or before the day & time a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this twenty Second day of this Inſtant octobr and in the year of our Lord 1778

David Goodridge } Select men
Phinehas Hartwell } For
Elijah Carter } Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs Fitchburgh Novembr the 10 1778

In obediane to the within warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other inhabitents to meet at time and place within in mentned

Jonathan Holt Cunſtable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh aſsembled Novr the 10 1778

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Choſe Decon Goodridge moderator . . .

2ly Voted to ad to mr John Paysons Salory Eighty pounds that is to the Three Hundred alredy Granted total . . . . . £380-0-0 pd

3ly Voted and axepted of the award of the arbetrators and Coſt of mr Ezra uptons Land taken by the Town for a road the award baring Date octobr the 13 1778 . . .

[163] 4ly Voted to make up the Town & County tax with out the provance Tax bill . . . . .

5ly Voted to take the Invoice from the first of novembr Inſtant on the perſonall Estates . . . . .

6ly Voted that all the orders that have bin Given by the Select men and town Committes Shall be brot in by the first of march next

This meeting Diſolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester ſs. To Aſa Perry one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting . . .

4 ly Voted to make up the Town & County tax with out the Province Tase bill — — — — — — — — — — — —

5 ly Voted to take the Invoice from the first of novemb^r Inclusive on the Perspnall Estates — — — — — — — —

6 ly Voted that all the orders that have bin given by the Select men and town Committee shall be brot ~~in~~ in by the first of march next

This meeting Dis^d by David Goodridge moder^r

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(2nd) Worcester ss. To Asa Perry one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg — Greeting — — — —

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and People of the State of the Massachusetts-Bay to order & direct you forthwith to notify all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Townmeetings to assemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Monday the first Day of March next at 9 Oclock of the Forenoon then and there being duely met & formed to act on the following Articles vizt

1st To choose [illegible] Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2d To choose Selectmen & other Town Officers as the law directs for the ensueing Year

3d To see what Method to provided for any poor or indigent Persons in said Town or act any thing respecting them as they shall think proper —

4th To Accept of any Roads that is laid out by the Selectmen or their order that shall be thought necessary or by the Town committee —

5th To see what Sum or Sums of Money shall be thought proper to raise to mend the Highways & keep them in good Repair the ensueing year or act any thing respecting them as shall be thought proper —

6th To see if the Town will discontinue any Road or Roads which shall be laid before them for their Consideration —

7th To see if the Town will come into any other Method to collect the Highway Taxes seperate from choosing the Surveyors, Collectors —

8th To see if the Town will vote that Swines to run at large this present Year under the Regulation of the Law, or vote any other thing respecting them as they shall think proper —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant to some one of us at or before the above mentioned Day & time — Given under our Hands & Seals this Eighth Day of February A D 1779

David Goodridge
Nathan Wallace
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Parker
Wm Wallace
} Selectmen of Fitchburg

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and People of the State of the Mafsachusetts-Bay to order & direct you forthwith to notify all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble at the Meeting-house in Fitchburg on Monday the first Day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there being duely met & form,d to act on the following Articles viz—

1ft To choofe a Moderator to Govern said Meeting—

2ly To choofe Selectmen & other Town Officers as the Law directs for the enfueing Year

3dly To see what Method to provide for any poor or indigent Persons in said Town or act any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

4thly To Accept of any Roads that is laid out by the Selectmen or their order that shall be thought neceſsary; or by the Town,s Committee—

5th To See what Sum or Sums of Money shall be thought proper to raise to mend the Highways & keep them in good Repair the prefent year or act any thing referring thereto as shall be thought proper—

6ly To see if the Town will difcontinue any Road or Roads which shall be laid before them for their Consideration—

7ly To see if the Town will come into any other Method to collect the Highway Taxes, seperate from choofing the Surveyors, Collectors—

8ly To See if the Town will vote the Swine to run at large this prefent year under the Regulation of the Law, or vote any other thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant to some one of us at or before the above mentioned Day & time—Given under our Hands & Seals this Eighth Day of February A D 1779

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Carter
Thos Hartwell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

[164] Worcester ſs. In Obedience to the within Warrant, I have Notified the Inhabitants as within directed

Aſa Perry Constable

Fitchburg March 1ſt 1779

Aat a Legal meeting of the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſembled march the 1 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Votted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator . . . . . Moderator

2ly Voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge Phinehas Hartwell & Elijah Carter . . . . . Select men

3ly Votted to Chuſe Seſsors to make all Rates and Grant Warrents to Collect the same . . . . . Seſsors

4ly Voted and Choſe Dr Thadase maccarty Daniel Putnam & oliver Stickne . . . . . Seſsors

5ly Votted and Choſe Thos Cowdin Town Clerk & Town Treaſurer . . . . . Town Clerk

6ly Votted and Choſe Capt Jonathan Wood Thos Stearns & Joſeph Phelps . . . . Committe of Inſpection

7ly Votted and Choſe Jeſse French Cunstable for the South Side of the Town of fitchburgh & Elijah Gafield for the north parte of the Town . . . . . Cunſtable

8ly Votted and Choſe Levi Kimball and James Paterſon . . . . . Wardens

9ly Votted & Choſe William Small & Capt Ruben Gibson . . . . . Tyethen men

10ly Votted and Chose Samuel Parce & Paul Wetherby & Jacob Upton & Joſeph Wheler & William Grimes Ebnezer Bridge & Thos Cowdin Jur & hezekiah Hodgkins . . . . . Survares of high Ways

11ly Votted and Choſe Jonathan Holt & Daniel Putnam . . . . . Deere Reves

12ly Votted and Choſe Joſeph Phelps & Samuel Small . . . . . ſier Wards

13ly Votted and Choſe Nichlos Danforth Ebenezer Polley & Joſeph Polley & John Goodridge & Abraham Gibson Jur & Samuel Harris . . . . . hog Reves

14ly Votted and Choſe Capt Jonathan Wood . . Sur vare of hoops and Staves

15ly Votted and Choſe Soloman Steward . . Survare of Clabords & Shingels

[165] 16ly Votted and Chose John Putnam and Aſa Perrey . . . . . fier wards

17ly Votted and Choſe Kindall Bancroft . . Selor of Lether

18ly Votted and Choſe David Parce Sellether of Waits and meſhers . . . . . Seler of Waits & meſhers

19ly Votted to allow and pay Capt Ruben Gibson Seventy pounds to Suport mrs Hart one whole year and So in proportion if She Should not Live the year out 70-0-0

20ly Votted and Raiſed one hundred & fifty pounds to mend the high ways the year Inſuing . . . . . 150 – –

21ly Votted to allow one Shiling and foure pence pr ouer and for Cart and oxen and other Tools as Last year

22ly Votted to Diſcontinue the Roade from mr Abel Baldwines house which sd Baldwine bought of mr John Buſs til it Coms to the Eaſt Line of sd Baldwines Land he the Said Abel Baldwin paying The Town Treaſurer of the Town of Fitchburgh Twenty pounds as a Reward for sd Land . . . . . 20 – –

23ly Votted to Diſcontinue the Road from mr Walkers Gate So Called up towards Henery Lelands house til it coms to the Road Leding from sd Lelands house towards Samuel Parces house and that it be onley a Bridel Roade

24ly Votted the high way Survares be not Colecters but the Liſts be Committed to the Cunſtables to Colect provided the perſon or perſons Dont work out their high way Taxes acording to the high way Survares order . .

25ly Votted that the high way Survares work out their high way Rates by the first of Novembr next

26ly Votted that the Swine Run at Large being Yoked and Ringed as the Law Directs

[166] 27ly Votted and axcepted of James Paterſon to Serve Cunſtable in Jeſse French Roon for the South Side of the Town & also to Serve Cunſtable in the Rume of Elijah Gafield for the north Side of sd Town

Further more The oficers Choſen into Town ofices apeard and Tuck the oths Requird by Law . . .

The meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderation
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcefter fs To James Paterfon Cunftable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

These are Therfor in the name of the Goverment and people of the State of the mafsachufets bay to order and direct you forthwith to notify the free holders & other inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble at the meeting house in fitchburgh on fryday the ninth day of april next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being duely meet and formd to act on the following artcles viz . . .

1 to Chufe a moderator to Govern s[d] meeting . . .

2[ly] to take into Confideration a Request of a number of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh in regarde to a fine being Laid on the Town by the Generall Coarte for reafons not none not known with which the requeftors think it highly reafonable to know as a Town or act aney thing their on as they Shall think proper

3[ly] to See whather method the Town will Secure the Scool land formerly belonging to Lunenburg that was Sett off to Fitchburgh with their other properties from aney incroachments from aney perfon or perfons what ever either out of Town or in Town or act aney thing refering their-to as Shall be thought proper . . . . .

4[ly] to See if the Town will make aney addition of aney Sum or Sumes as a Town to add to the General Court tax bill thats Sent out to s[d] Towns a Greable to the Courts order or act aney thing refering there to as they Shall think proper

[167] Here of faile not and make returne of this warrant with your Dowings their in to Some one of us at or before the day and time a bove mentined . . .

Given under our hands and Seale at Fitchburgh this Twenty Sixth day of this inftent march & in the year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge } Select meen
Phinehas Hartwell } For
Elijah Carter } Fitchburgh

Fitchburgh april the 9 1779 Worceſeſester ſs in obediane ot this warrant I have notifyd the free holders and other Inhabitents of this Town to meet at the meeting house at one O Clock this Inſtent day

James Paterſon Cunſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled april the 9 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Voted and Choſe Decon Goodridge moderator . .

2ly Voted to ajoyrn the Second artele in the warrant til may meeting

3ly Voted Chuſe a Committe to Go & Search the records in Lunenburgh town book to See if their was aney agrement betwen the Town of Lunenburgh & the Town of Fitchburgh Reſpecting mineſtereal & Scool lands

4ly Voted and Choſe Capt Thos Cowdin & Capt Ruben Gibson & Capt Jonathan Wood be a Committe to Search the Town book of Lunenburg Reſpecting publick lands & also the proprietors book reſpecting the publick Lands laid out for a Scool & mineſteral lands or to be laid out . . .

5ly Voted to ajurn the third artele in the warrant til may meeting and then Report to the Town what the Committe may find one the Town book belongin to Lunenburgh

6ly Voted paſs over the forth arete . . .

7ly Voted to ajurn this meeting til may meeting

aCordingly ajurnd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[168] (Seale) Worceſter ſs To James Paterſon Cunſtable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

Theſe are in the name of the Goverment and people of the maſachuſets bay to will and Require you forthwith to notify all the free holders and other inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to aſsemble at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Thurſday the twentyeth day of this inſtent may at two

of the Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing artcles viz . . . .

1 to Chuſe a moderator to Govern s[d] meeting . . .

2[ly] See whether the inhabitents of this Town Chuſe at this time to have a new Constetition or form of Goverment made . . .

3[ly] whether they impower their repreſentives for the next to vote for the Calling a State Convention for the Sole purpos of forming a new Conſtitution provided it Should appear to them on Examination that the firſt Queston a bove mentioned be anſwerd in the affirmative

4[ly] to See if the inhabitenes will make further proviſion for Keeping the high ways in better repare in making an aditional Grant to what has ben all redy Grantd for that purpoſe or act aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper for the preſent year

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day and time a bove mentned . . .

Given under our hands & Seale at Fitchburgh this fifth Day of may in the year of our Lord 1779 . . . .

David Goodridge } Select men
Phinehas Hartwell } for
Elijah Carter } Fitchburgh

Fitchburgh May the 19 1779

agreable to the Directions of the within writen warrant I have Notifyd the free holders & other Inhabitents of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place appointed

James Paterſon Cunſtable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled may the 20 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[**169**] 1[ly] Votted and Choſe Decon Goodridge moderator . . . .

2[ly] Voted to have a new forme of Goverment at this Time The number preſent unanemos that is forty five .

3[ly] and it was the oppinon of this town that if the firſt Queſton on Examination be anſwerd in the State, in

the affarmetive to Comply with the Repreſentitives to Chuſe a States Convention for that purpose

4ly Voted to act on the artcle of the high ways . . .

5ly Voted and Raiſed foure hundred & fifty pounds in addition to what was al Redy raised at Laſt march . .

6ly Voted that thoſe Work out their part of the money be alowed five Shilings Shilings & foure pene for Evrey ower on the Spote, oxen & Cart in proportion and other metireals in proportion . . . . .

also that the Lift or Lifts fhall be Committed to the high wane Survares Choſe at march Laſt—and they are herby orderd to See that the money be workt out or the Lift Committed to the Cunſtable to Collet—provided the perſon or perſons Refuſe or neglect to work

The meeting—upon the ajurnment

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

may the 20 1779 upon the ajurnment the Town meet and Voted & Gave the Committe Choſe the 9 of april 1779 full power to Setle with the Town of Lunenburgh or their Committe or to Commince and bring on an action against The Town of Lunenburgh provided the ſd Town or Commtte Refuse to alow the Town of Fitchburgh or their Committe their parts of the publick Lands, the Committe Choſe by the Town of Fitchburgh on april the 9 1779 was Capt Thos Cowdin Capt Ruben Gibson & Capt Jonathan Wood. Then the meeting Difolved

Decon Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) [**170**] June 29 1779

Worefter ſs To James Paterſon Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburgh . . . . . Greeting . . . .

Theſe are Therefor in the name of the Goverment and people of the State of the maſsachusets bay to order & directe you fourth with to notify the free holders and other inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting by verbal notice to aſsemble at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tuſeday the twenty

ninth day of this inſtant June at one of the Clock in the after noone then & their being duely meet and formd to act on the following articles—(viz) . . . . .

1ly to Chuſe a moderator to Govern sd meeting . . .

2ly to See what method the Town will Come into in Regard to Raiſing foure Contenantal men to Joyn the Contenantel armey and two men to go to Rhodeiſland a Cording to the General Courts orders or act aney thing there on as they shall think proper as a Towne

3ly to See if the Towne will Call the old melitia officers to an aCounte for the fines they have taken of the Inhabitents by drafting and how they have Diſpoſed of them that a Good Regulation may be formd for the futter or act aney thing refering there to as they Shall Think proper

Here of mak Return of this warrente with your Doings there in to Some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentned Given under oure hands and Seale at Fitchburgh this Twenty Eight day of this inſtant June and in the yeare of our Lord 1779 . . .

David Goodridge, Phinehas Hartwell, Elijah Carter } Select men for Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs

agreeable to the within warant I have notified & Warned the freeholders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd to Vote in towne meetings to meet at the time and place within mentiond

Fitchburgh June 29 1779

James Paterſon Cunſtable

[171] Aat a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled June the 29 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Voted and Chofe Decon Goodridge moderator . .

2ly after the orders from the Generall Court being reed then proceded and Voted to Raise the foure men for the Contenantel Serves for nine months by a Rate or Tax by the Towne—and also the two men for Roadifland by a Tax Laid on sd Town, Estimating what Each man hath dun by the month here to fore at an Equel price

3ly Voted to Chuſe a Committe to Raiſe the Contenantel men and also the two men for Roadifland . . .

4ly Voted an Choſe Thos Cowdin & Colo Ebenezer Bridge & Capt Willm Thurlo & Capt Jonathan Wood & Dr maccarte be a Committe to hier the 4 Contenantel men for nine months at as Chepe a rate as pofable Cane be Dun & also two men as molifha men to Do Dutey at Roadifiland acording to General Courts order

5ly Voted to call the old molifha officers to an a Count to now what they have Dun or how they have Diſpoſed of the fines they have taken taken of the Inhabitents . .

6ly Voted the the a Counts the old molifha officers hath Rendred be full Satisfaction to the Town

This meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[172] (Seal) Worcester ſs. To James Patterson Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting——

These are therefore in the Name of the Government & People of the State of Maſsachusetts Bay, to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, to aſsemble at the Meeting-House in Fitchburg on Monday the second Day of August next at One of the Clock in the Afternoon, then and there being duely met & form,d to Act on the following Articles; You are further directed to notify every Freeman, inhabitant of sd Town, who is twenty one Years of Age to vote on the second Article in sd Warrant——

1ſt To choose a Moderator to govern sd Meeting

2d To see if the Town will elect one or more Delegates to represent them in a Convention, for the sole purpose of framing a new Constitution, and form of Government, for the State of Maſsachusetts Bay to meet at Cambridge in the County of Middlesex, on the first Day of September next, and give sd Delegate such Instructions as they shall think proper

3dly To see if the Town will comply, with the Meaſures that the late Convention, conven,d at Concord, on

the fourteenth Day of July, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper——

4thly To see if the Town will send a Delegate to join a County Convention to be held at Worcester, on the first Tuesday of August next, for the purpose of regulating Prices, on the Artiles of Life and manufactures—

5ly To see what Method the Town will come into with regard to the War what has been done already, and what Meafures they will take for further supporting the War, as a Town, or act any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

6ly To see if the Town will raise any Sum of Sums of Money to hire the Six Soldiers into the service to Rhode Island and Continental, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper — Hereof fail not and make a return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to some one of us, at or before the Day and time above mention,d, Given under our hand and Seal at Fitchburg this Nineteenth Day of July and in the Year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
} Select men for Fitchburg

[173] Worcester fs

Agreable to the within Warrant I have notified & warn,d all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants, therein specified, of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & place within mention,d

James Patterson, Constable

Fitchburg Augt 2. 1779

Fitchburg Augt 2d 1779—

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled August 2d 1779—

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1 Voted & chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator—

2ly Voted to send a Delegate to join the Convention in Cambridge—

3ly Voted & chose Thos Cowdin to meet the Convention at Cambridge the first Day of September next—

4ly Voted to comply with the Refolves of the late Convention held at Concord the 14th Day of July last, unanimously—

5ly Voted to send a Delegate to meet the Convention at Worcester the 3d Day of this Inst August—

6ly Voted & chose Dr Thads Maccarty to attend the Convention at Worcester the 3d Day of this Inst August—

7ly Voted that the Vote respecting the Men & estimating the Months be brought to an Average as was voted last Town Meeting—

8ly Voted to choose a Committee to estimate the Months & bring them to an Average—

9ly Voted that Thos Hartwell, Deacon Thurston, Col. Bridge Thos Stearns & Capt Thurlo be a Committee to estimate the Months & bring them to an Average—

10 Voted to adjourn, till the 20th Day of Augt next—the Meeting accordingly adjourn,d, till 20th Day of Augt next at One O clock

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

August 20, 1779. The Town met according to Adjournment

11ly Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee, respecting estimating the Service done in the War since the present War commenc,d—

[174] 12 Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Credit of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, respecting the present War, and to see what Men are behind in respect to their Proportion, and where they appear not to have done their proportion, to make it up in Money without delay—

13ly Voted that the Afsefsors be a Committee to Examine the Credits and that, Two Men be join,d with them therein—

Voted & choose Thos Stearns & Ephm Kimball Junr—

14ly Voted that Every Person bring a Certificate from his Officers or the Selectmen, as to what Service he hath done or not be allow,d for his Service, and that they

bring in the Certificates by the 20th Day of September next—

15ly Voted to accept of the Proceedings of the Convention at Worcester—

16ly Voted to make an Addition to the Committee & that four Men be added viz Deacon Thurston, Mr Walker, Mr Boutell & Mr Jacob Upton—

Voted the Meeting to be adjourn,d, till the 27th Day of Sepr next at One O clock in the Afternoon—

The Meeting Adjourned accordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

According to Adjournment met and the Meeting opened on the 27th Day of September 1779—

17th Voted that the Committee proceed immediately to state the more minute Articles not stated at Worcester, and see that they be put in Execution—

18ly Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee chose to estimate the War as will appear by the List sign,d by sd Committee

19 Voted that the Town Treafurer receive the Money that was estimated by the Committee and give his Receipt for the same

20 Voted that the Meeting be adjourn,d to the first Monday in Novr next at One O clock in the Afternoon, to see if those Persons who are found by the Committee to be delinquent will pay the Sums annexed to each Persons name

Thos Cowdin Tn Clerk

meeting adjournd accordingly

[175] Novr 1 1779—

The Town being met and the Meeting opened according to Adjournment.

21l Voted and accepted of the Estimation as it stands on the Estimation paper, rectifying all Mistakes that appear to have been made, from the Certificates that may be brot to the Committee

22 Voted that it be recommitted to the same Committee for Amendment

23l. Voted that all the Men that have paid Money either by Draught or to Col. Bridge, be allow,d to every Person as his part at Fifteen Pounds per Month and that their Credit be enter,d upon the Estimation Paper—

24 Voted that the Town choose a Committee to hire all the Men that may be called for, for the future untill further Orders—

25 Voted to choose Five as a Committee to hire the Men to do Duty in the present War for the future & Thos Cowdin Afa Perry, John Putnam & Kendall Boutell, & Jacob Upton were choose for this purpose—

26 Voted to raise Seventeen Hundred & forty Pounds to pay the Money that the Selectmen hir,d to pay the four Continental and alfo the Two Rhode Iſland Men, as Soldiers in that Service— . . . . . £1740 pd

Voted that the Town Meeting be adjourn,d to Monday the 22d of this Instant Novembr at One O clock After noon

The Meeting is adjourned accordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Novr 22nd 1779

The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened—

27 Voted to chuse a Committee to see what money Colo Bridge has recd off the delinquent perſons upon the Eſtimation paper . . . . .

28 Voted and Chose Doct Mc Carty to be the Committee . . . . .

29 Voted and Chose Doct Mc Carty to receive the money of the Delinquents upon the Eſtimation paper in the rome of the Town Treaſurer and give Credit to thoſe perſons that shall pay and make report to the next town meeting . . . . .

30 Voted that this meeting be diſolved . . . .

The meeting Diſolved according

David Goodridge Moderator

A true coppy of the Votes attest Joseph Fox

by order of the Town Clerk

[176] (Seal) Worcester ſs. To James Patterson Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—these are

therefore in the Name of the Government & People of the state of the Maſsachusetts Bay to order & direct you forthwith to Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings, to aſsemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Monday the Twentyseventh Day of this Inst September at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, then & there being duely met & form,d to Act on the following Articles viz—

1 To Chooſe a Moderator to govern sd Meeting—

2 ſee what method the Town will come into to support the Revd Mr Payson the Year ensuing, or act any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

3dly Raise Money to support the poor & indigent Persons in Town if need—

4thly Raise Money to supply the Treaſury & pay Town charges—

5thly To have all persons that have done service for the Town, bring in their Accounts, for Acceptance, raise Money to pay the same—

6thly To see in what Method the Town will provide the Revd Mr Paysons Wood for the Year insuing—

7thly To see what Method the Town will provide Schooling & raise Money for the support of the same, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

8thly To see if the Town will send a Man to join the Convention at Concord the Sixth Day of October next, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon, to some one of us at or before the Day & time abovementioned,—Given under our hands & Seal this Seventh Day of this Instant September and in the Year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worcester ſs In Obedience to the within written Warrant I have Notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the Time and Place above mentioned

James Patterson Constable

Fitchburg Sepr 27. 1779—

[177] At a Legal meeting of the inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled Septembr the 27 1779
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly voted and Choſe Decon David Goodridge moderator
2ly voted and Choſe Kindall Boutall & phinehas Hartwell & Joſeph Walker be a Committee to Waite upon mr Payson in order to now his mind Reſpecting his Salarey the year Inſuing . . . . .

3ly	vted to Raise Seventy pounds to pay Capt Ruben Gibson for mrs Harts Suporte in proportion for a whole yeare	£70	00	0
4ly	voted to Raiſe Two hundred pounds that was not aſsed Last year which was Raiſed for to Suporte the Scoll the year paſt . .	200	00	0
5ly	voted to Raſe Sixty pownds as a bounty for Two Rohadiland men	60	00	0
6ly	voted to Raise five pounds Six Shilings Eight pene to pay the County tax for the year 1777 and that the Town Treaſurer pay the above Sum to the County Treaſurer and tak his Recept	5	6	8
7ly	vted and raised Seventy Eight pounds Eight Shilings which was taken out of the Treaſure to pay the Solders ingaed for the Contenantal Serves & Rhodiland	78	8	0
8ly	voted and Raiſed foure hunded pounds to defray Town Charges	400	00	0
9ly	to voted Thos Cowdin Jur his acount which is	3	18	0
	voted to alow Thos Cowdin his acount which is	7	4	0
	voted and alowd Dr Thadues maccartey his acount which is	31	12	0
	voted and alowd Aſe Perrey his acount which is	3	12	0 pd
	voted and alowd Phinehas Hartwell his acount which is	7	16	0
	voted and alowd Elijah Carter his acount which is	6	6	0

voted and alowd Decon David Goodridge his aCount which is	17 00 0
voted and alowd Thoˢ Stearns his acount which is	6 14 0
voted and alowd Ephᵐ Kimball Jurˢ his acount which is	6 14 0
voted and alowd Daniel Putnam his acount which is	6 14 0
voted and alowd Liut abraham Gibson his acount which is	6 00 0
voted and alowd Capᵗ Ruben Gibson his acount which is	1 4 0
voted and alowd Capᵗ Jonathan Wood his acount which is	1 4 0
	919 12 8

10ly Voted the the Committe Report from mr Payson

[178] 11ly voted and Raised for mr Payson for the year Infuing and to mak up the Deprecation of the money the Last Yeare his Salery Good for both Last year and this preaſent year fourteen hundred & Seventy nine pounds 16/ 1479 16 0

12ly voted and Raised five hundred pounds to Suporte a Scool the year infuing 500 00 0

13ly voted and Choſe Titos Wilder Joſeph Phelps aſe Perrey Jacob upton & Joſeph Fox be a Committe to provide a maſter to Keep the School . . .

14ly voted that Each Quarter have the Benefit of their own money which is Granted to Supporte the Schoole

15ly voted and a Greed to provide mr Paysons wood by a volentary act the year Infuing . . .

16ly voted and Choſe Nicholas Danforth mr Jacob upton Capt Burbank & Daniel Farwell be a Committe to See that mr Paſons wood be Got in Good Seaſon & Good wood

17ly voted and Choſe Decon David Goodridge to attend the Convention at Concord the Sixth Day of october next

The meeting Diſolvd

David Goodridge moderator

A True Coppe of the Votes
Thoˢ Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To James Patterſon Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . These are therefore in the Name and Government and people of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on the Twenty Second Day of this Inſtant November at One OClock in the after noon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . .

1ly To chuſe a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2ly To see if the Town will approve or diſapprove of the proceedings of the Convention at Concord the sixth Day of October Last and Chuſe a Committee to put the Reſolves into Execution or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper . . . . .

[179] 3ly To see if the Town will make any alterations in the prices of the farming labour, or Mechanicks, and Inholders not enumarated by the Convention at Concord or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4ly To see if the Town will raise any sum or sums of money to supply the Treaſurer that the Selectmen hath taken out to pay the Soldiers according to the Courtˢ orders . . . . .

5ly To see if the Town will chuſe a Committee to keep the Great bridge by the Mills in repair or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . . .

6ly To here the accounts of any that has done Service for the Town for the Town and raise money for the Same

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this second Day of November and in the Year of Our Lord 1779 . . . . .

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
} Selectmen for Fitchburgh

Fitchburgh Novr 22nd 1779

In obedience to your orders I have Notifyed the freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town to meet at the time and place within written

James Patterſon Conſtable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Aſſembled November 22nd 1779 . . .

1ly Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2ly Voted to approve to of the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord the sixth Day of Octr Last . . .

3ly Voted to chuſe a Committee to put the proceeding of the Convention into Execution . . . . .

4ly Voted to chuſe seven men as a Committee for the above purpose . . . . .

5ly Voted and Chose Capt Jona Wood Mr Joseph Walker Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur Capt Willm Thurlo Mr James Poole Capt Reuben Gibſon & Mr Phinehas Hartwell to be a Committee for the above purpose

6ly Voted that the above Committee do not proceed at preaſent to put the proceedings of the Convention at Concord into Execution untill they shall receive orders from the Selectmen & Standing Committee for that purpose . . . . .

7ly Voted to raiſe two hundred & Seventy pounds to Supply the Treaſurer with that the Selectmen took out to pay the Soldiers that went to Claverack agreable to the Courts order £270 0 0

[**180**] 8ly Voted to chuſe a committee to repair the Bridge by the Mills

9ly Voted that the committee conſist of three . . .

10ly Voted and Chose Mr Joseph Walker Mr Ephr Kimball Junr & Mr Hezekiah Hodgskins to be the Committee . . .

11ly Voted that it be left diſcresunary with the Committee to cover the Bridge with what timber they shall think proper . . .

12ly Voted to allow Deacon Goodridge his act for attending the Convention at Concord the sixth of Octr which Twenty two pounds . . . . . £22 – –

13ly Voted to allow Capt Willm Thurlo his Act for two Burying Cloths which is Sixty pounds . . £60 – –

14ly Voted to raise Thirteen pounds which the Selectmen has hired to pay Two mens Milcage Money to Rhodiſland which is to be taken out of the Next State tax £13 0 0

15ly Voted that this meeting be Diſolved

David Goodridge Moderator

A true coppy from the Minutes Attest Joseph Fox by order of the Town Clerk

march the 6 1780

(Seale) Worceſter ſs to James Paterſon Cunſtable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . .

Theſe are therfore in the name of the Goverment and people of the State of the maſsachuſets bay to order and Direct you forth with to notify the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſsemble at the meeting in Fitchburgh on monday the Sixth Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the morning then and their being duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles (viz)

1ly to Chuese a moderator to Govern sd meeting . .

2ly—to Chuse Select men & other Town officers for the year inſuing as the law & athority directs . . .

3ly—to axcept aney high ways or privet Roads that has bin laid out by the Select men or their order or aney alterations on old Roads . . . . .

4ly—to See if the Town will Conſider mr James Paterſon for his Servis as Cunſtable for sd Town the last year and make him Sum Reward

5ly—to See what Sum or Sumes of money the town will Raise to keep the high ways in repair. and See what method Shall be workt out for the preſent year

[181] 6ly—to See who will take mrs Hart & Suporte Her one year and for what sum . . . . .

7ly—to See if the Town will abate aney Perſons Rates on aney liſts Committed to aney of the Cunſtables or aney part . . . . .

8ly—to See if the town will vote the Swine to Go at large the prefent year under the Regulations of the law

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrent with your dowing their in to Som one of us at or before the time & day a bove mentned Given under our Hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this Sixteenth day of Februry and in the year of our Lord 1780 . . . . .

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
} Select men for Fitchburgh

Fitchburgh Februry the 21 1780 . . . .

In obediance to the within Rit I have notifyed the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town to meet at the time and place within mentined

James Paterfon Cunftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh a fembled march the 6 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly voted and Chofe Decon David Goodridge moderator

2—ly voted that their be five Select men Chofe and that they be the Affsefors for the year Infuing . . .

3—ly voted and Chofe Thos Cowdin firft Select man

4—ly voted and Chofe Elijah Carter Second Select man

5—ly voted and Chofe Dr Thadiues Maccartey third Select man

6—ly voted and Chofe Capt Jonathan Wood forth Select man . . . .

7—ly voted and Chofe Capt William Thurlo fifth Select man . . . .

8—ly voted and Chofe Thos Cowdin Town Clerk . .

9—ly voted and Chofe Joseph Fox Town Treafurer . .

10—ly voted and Chofe Decon Goodridge Ifaac Gibson Jofeph Walker be the Committey of Safty . . .

11—ly voted and Chofe Phinehas Hartwell Cunftable for the north Side of the Town . . .

12 ly voted and Chofe mr Phinehas Sawyer Cunftable for the South Side of sd Town . . .

voted and Reconsiderd the vote and mr Phinehas Sawyer be Excuſed from Serving Cunſtable . . .

[182] 13—ly voted and Choſe John farwell and Colo Ebenezer Bridge Tythenmen

14—ly voted and Choſe Hezekiah Hodgkins and Aſe Pere and Liut Iſaac Holden and Decon John Thurſton and Phinehas Brown and Joſeph Holt and Joſeph Gray and Joſeph Sawyer and Liut Thos Hartwell Survaers of high Ways . . .

15—ly voted and Choſe William Small & Amos ordewa . . . . . Der Revs

16—ly voted and Choſe Samuel Downe & David Parce . . . . . fiere Wards

17 ly voted and Choſe Ebenezer Polley & Thos Hilton Abraham Gibson & Jonathan ware . . . hog Reves

18—ly voted and Choſe James Walker Survare of . . Shingels & Clabords

19—ly voted and Choſe Capt Jonathan Wood Survare of . . . . . hups & Staves

20—ly voted and Choſe James Poole & Joſhua Parce fire wards . . . . . fire wards

21—ly voted and Choſe Amos ordewa . . Seler of lether

22—ly voted and Chose David Parce Seler of waits & . . . Sealor of Waits & meſuers

23—ly voted and Raiſd Three Thouſand Six hundred pounds to repaire the high Ways & Bridges the year Inſuing—and to be workt out at Eighteen 18/ Shilings pr ower on the Spote, a Cart at 36/ pr Day & a plow at 36/ pr day & a yoake of Good oxen £3: ſ12: D0 pr Day

24—ly voted that Capt Samuel Burbank have two hundred & two pounds for Suporting mrs hart one whole year and So in proportion if She Should not Live the whole of the year £202-0-0

25—ly voted and abated John Prieſts pole tax in mr James Paterſons list

26—ly voted that the Swine Go at large being Regulated a Cording to law

27—ly voted and abated mr Ephm Kimballs pole tax in mr James Paterſons list

[183] 28—ly voted and axcepted of a two Rod Roade . . . .

Laid out by the Select men and their order a Two Rod road Begining at the South line of Thos Cowdin Jurs land Runing East of the Dweling house of sd Cowdins through his land to the Common land & through the Common land to Liut Phillips land & through Sd Phillips land to the north of fd Phillips Barn mared trees on the Eaft Side of sd Road, for a beter Commodation of the inhabitents on the Road Runing from Holdings mills to the County Road to the meeting house—we have made the altrations from the former Road as folows begining at the wefterdly Side of mr Whelers house Runing on sd Whelers land to Aaron Eatons land & on sd Eatons land to Thos Eatons land so through sd Eatons land to Amos Darbys land to the former Road which leds to the County Road & markt trees on the South Side of sd Rode to sd Amos Durbys house—and the Land Given by the owners

Dated Fitchburgh Febuery the 28 1780

Phinehas Hartwell
Elijah Carter
Seth Phileps
Thos Cowdin Jur
} Committe

Fitchburgh Septembr 1779 . . . .

*We the Subscribors being inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh being Partyes Concernd in Giving Land for a publick Road from Aſhby begining at the northerdly Side of mr Samuel Gibsons land through to Capt Joſiah Stearnes land through sd Stearnes land to mr Lemuel Haſkells & Jonathan Brooks land then on sd line between sd Haskell & Brooks about against haskels house then all on sd Brooks land by or near Brookes house to mr Joſeph veneys land through sd veneys land nar his house then on sd veneys & Browns line to Browns Corner then all on sd venes to mr Jacob upton land then through sd uptons land

*Terminus of the road at Francis Dean's, formerly Jacob Uptons. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

by or near his buldings to the County Road and the Land Given by us the Subscribors Phinehas Brown, Lemuel Hafkel, Jacob Upton, Samuel Gibson, Jonathan Brook, Joſeph Venen } Commtte

29—ly voted that all the old high way Survaer work work out their old high way Rates on all their old lists for the last year

30—ly voted that this meeting be adjurnd to the third monday of this Inſtant march at one O Clock in the after noon the meeting is adjurnd a Cordingly to the 20 Day of this Inſtent march at one O Clock in the after noon

[**184**] march the 20 1780 Then the Town meet acording to adjurmement and the meeting opned . . .

31ly voted and Excuesed mr Phinehas Sawyer from serving Constable . . . . .

32d Voted and choſe Mr Daniel Farwell Constable for the South Side—

33d Voted and allow,d Reuben Gibson Jun. his Acct for providing Neceſsaries for Mrs Hart & Nursing when sick £45 18 0 0

34 Voted and abated John Priest,s Poll Tax in James Pattersons List £10 0 0 0

voted and abated John Prifts pole tax Aſe Perreys List 1 0 0

35 Voted and abated Wm Stewards Rates in Aſa Perrys Lists 0 14 0 0

36 Voted and abated Asahel Hartwells Rates in Aſa Perrys List 0 14

37 Voted and abated David Winchs Rates in Aſa Perrys List . . . . . 0 15 6 –

38 Voted and abated Timo Kendall Rates in Stewards List . . . . . 0 4 2 –

39 Voted and abated Jona Taylors Rates in Aſa Perreys List . . . . . 0 5 2 –

voted and abated in mr Perrys Lists the Sevrall Prſons 3 12 10

Sum total 4 17 9

the Sum abated for Soloman Steward . . . .
voted and abated Ely Rufsells minesters Rate . . 2 5 0
The oficers Chofe into Town oficefs a peard and tuck the oaths Requird by law Refpecting their Sevrall ofices
This meeting Disolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[185] (Seal) Worcefter fs To m^r Daniel Farwell one of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting— Thefe are in the name of the Goverment and people of the mafsachusets Bay to order and direct you forth with to Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tuefday the Twenty third Day of this Ins^t may at one of the Clock in the after noon then and their being duely met to act on the following articles . . .

1^ly To choofe a moderator . . .

2^ly To heere the Constitution or Form of Goverment latly formd by the Convention appointed for that purpose read and approve or dis approve of the Same or make aney alterations thereon as they Shall think proper

3^ly To See what method the Town will come into to Suport the Rev^d mr Payson for the futer and also to make him a Grant for the Depreisation of the money the past year or act any thing refering there to as they shall think proper . . . .

4^ly To See if the Town will dismifs Capt Jonathan Wood at his own defire from Serving as a Committe man for supplying the Soldiers familys now in the Continental armey and Chooſe a nother in his Room . . . .

Hereof faile not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the above s^d day Given under our hands & Seale this Eighth day of may A D 1780—

Thos Cowdin
Thad^s Maccarty
Jonathan Wood
} Select men for Fitchburgh

Worefter ſs In obediance to the within warrant I have notifyd and warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by Law agreable to the within warrant

Fitchburgh may the 23 1780

Daniel Farwell Cunſtable

at a Legal meeting of the inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Aſsembled may the 23 1780

Thoˢ Cowdin Town Clerk

[**186**] 1ly voted and Choſe mr Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2ly voted and axcepted of the Conſtitution or forme of Goverment as it is Sot forth in the Books Sent to the Sevral Towns in this State. the number preſent at the Town meeting was 65—and not one against the Conſtitution or form of Goverment, but unanemosly a Greed to axcept of it without one Deſenting voice

3ly voted and Choſe a Committee to now or find what the Depreisation of the money is Sins mr Paysons Salory was Granted in Septembr 27 1779

4ly voted and Choſe mr Kindall Boutall Phinehas Sawyer Juʳ & Ephᵐ Kimball Juʳ to be a Committe to bring in to sᵈ Town what the money Depreſheated Sins mr Paysons Salery was Granted last fall . . . . .

5ly voted not to Diſmiſs Capt Jonathan Wood from beng a Commite man

6ly voted and a jurnd the Town meeting one hower to wate to here the report of the Committe . . . .

7ly the Town meet at the time sᵈ meeting ſtud ajurnd to and the Report of the Committe is that the Town pay mr Payson three thouſand three hundred and twenty pounds foure Shilings to make his Salery Good ſins sᵈ Salery was Granted £3320–4–0

8ly voted that the Aſseſsors aſeſs the Sum of three thouſand three hundred & twenty pounds 4/ on the Inhabitents with out Delay in order to pay mr Payson the above ſum

9ly voted and Diſolvd the Town meeting

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting—In the Name of the Goverment & people of the State of maſachusets Bay you are herby requird to notify & warne the Freholders & other Inhabitents of s[d] Town qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſemble & meet at the meeting house in s[d] Fitchburgh on monday the Sevententh of this Infant July at one o Clock in the after noon then & their being duely met & formd to act on the folowing articles viz—

1 to Choose a moderator

2[ly] to See Whether the Town will raise aney Sum or Sumes of money to pay Such Soldiers as have or may enlift for the preſent Campain or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

Here of fail not and make return of your doings hereon to Sum one of us at or bef before s[d] day—Given under our hands & Seale this first day of July A D 1780

Thos Cowdin
Elijah Carter
Thads maccarty
} Select men for Fitchburgh

[187] Worceſter ſs Fitchburgh July the 15 1780

a Greable to this warrant I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitents of s[d] Town to aſemble at time and place for the purpose within mentioned

Phnehas Hartwell Cunſtable

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſembld July the 17 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1[ly] voted and Choſe Decon David Goodridge moderator

2[ly] voted that this Town meeting be ajurnd til to next fryda the 21 Day of this Inſtant July at two o Clock in the after noone

Tho[s] Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh July the 21 1780 The Town meet and opned the meeting aCording to the ajurnment . . .

3ly voted & Raised fifty Thousand pounds to pay the Solders that have bin Raised for the prefent Campaine both Conantial & molisha £50000-0-0

This meeting Disolvd—

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunſtables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting— In the name of the Goverment & people of the State of the Maſachuſits Bay you are herby requird to warne the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in sd Town Thursday the 20 of this Inſtant July at one O Clock in the after noon to act on the folowing Articles . . .

1ly To Choose a moderator . . . .

2ly To See Whether the Town will Chooſe a new Committe to hire men for the Serves of the uniteed States for futter or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper . . .

Hereof faile not & make return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to Sum one of us at or before sd day Given under our hands & Seal this 5 Day of July A D 1780

Thos Cowdin, Thds maccarty, Elijah Carter } Select men for Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs Fitchburgh July the 17 1780 a Greable to Direction of this warrant I have notifyd the free holders and other Inhabitents of sd Town to asemble at time and place for the purpos within mentned

Phinehas Hartwell Cunſtable

[188] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſembled July the 21, 1780 upon an ajurnment from the 20 Day to fryday the 21 by Reason of a publick fast which was apointed by athority

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly voted and Chofe Decon David Goodridge moderator

2ly voted and Difmist the old Committe that was Chofe to hire men to ferve as Solder in the armey of the united States . . . . .

3ly voted to Chuse a new Committe to hire Solders for the futter or til the Towns farther order . . . . .

4ly voted and Chofe Jofeph Walker & Capt Ruben Gibson & David Parc to be a Committe to hire Solders til the Towns further order—This meeting Disolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcefter fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunftables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

In the Name of the Goverment & People of the State of the mafachufets Bay . . . . .

Thefe are to requiere you a Greabel to Law to notify & warne all the male Inhabitents of sd Town being Twenty one years of age & upward having an annuel Income of three Pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty Pounds, to afsemble & meet at the Meetinghouse in sd Fitchburg on Monday the fourth day of September next at Nine o clock in the forenoon then & there being duely met & formed agreable to the new Constitutions of Goverment to vote—

1 For a Governor—

2 For a Lieutenant Governor—

3 To Five Persons to be Counsellors & senators

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some of us at or before sd day—Given under our hands & seal this Eighteenth day of August, A D 1780

Thos Cowdin
Thads Maccarty
Wm Thurlo
Elijah Carter
} Select men for Fitchburg

[189] Worcefter fs Fitchburg Septembr the 2 1780 that a greable to the Directions of this warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitents of

said town to aſsemble at time and place for the Porpse within mentned—

Phinehas Hartwell Conſtable

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſembled Septer the 4 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

firſtly voted for a Governer the Honarable John Handcock had Sixty three votes . . . . . 63 votes

the Honarable James Boadwine one . . . . 1 Dito

then voted for a Senetr the number of votes

for the honable Samuel Hotten thirty five vts . 35 Dito

for Joſeph Darr Esq—thirty three . . . . 33 Dito

for Izreal Nichols Esq . . . . . 33 Dito

for Amos Singletory Esq . . . . . 30 Dito

for Samuel Curties Esq . . . . . 28 Dito

the Returns made and Directed to the Secretry at Boſton & Sined by the Select men namly . . .

Elijah Carter, Thad Maccarty, Jonathan Wood, William Thurlo } Select men for fitchburgh

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[190] (Seale) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

Theſe are in the Name of the Goverment & People of the State of maſsachusets Bay to will & require you forthwith to warne the Free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſemble & meet at the meeting house on monay the Ninth Day of october next at one O Clock in the after noon then & their being duly met and formd to act on the following artcles that is . . . . .

1ly to Chuſe a moderator . . . . .

2ly to See what method the Town will Come into to Suport the Revrant mr Payson the Year Inſuing or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper

3ly to raise money to Suport the Poor & Indegant perſons in sd Town if need . . .

4[ly] raise money to Suply the Treafury & pay Town Charges particularly to Support the Continental Solders families . . . .

5[ly] for all Perfons that have done Service for the Town to bring in their acounts for acceptance and raise money to pay the fame . . . .

6[ly] to See what method the Town will Come into to provide mr Paysons wood the year infuing . . . .

7[ly] to See in what method the Town will provide Scooling and raife money for the Suporte of the Same or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper—

Here of faile not & make return of this warrent with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this Twenty fifth Day of Sepembr A D 1780

Elijah Carter
Thads maccarty } Select men for
Jonathan Wood } Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs Fitchburgh octobr the 9 1780

agreable to the Directons of this warant I have Notifid the free holders & other in habitents of s[d] Town to meet at time & place and for the purpose within mentned

Phinehas Hartwell Cunſtable

[**191**] at a Legall meetings of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſembled octobr the 9 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1[ly] Voted and Choſe mr Joſeph Walker moderator . .

2[ly] voted to Raise one hundred pounds in hard money to pay the Revrant mr Payson his Salery the year Infuing to be paid in hard money or produſe that is Whete at nine Shilings pr buſhels ry at 6/ pr buſhel Inden Corn at 4/ pr buſhel Labor in the Sumer at 4/ pr Day flax at 1/ pr pound poark at 5[d] pr pound Shep wool at 2/ pr pound Beefe at 3[d] half peney pr pound and all other produſe in proportion £100-0-0

3[ly] voted to pay Capt Samuel Burbank . . £202-0-0 for Suporting mrs Hart one whole year & so in proportion if she should not Live the year out

4ly voted to Raiſe two Thouſand foure hundrd and Sixten pounds to Suply the Conantnal famelys and to Defray Town Charges £2416-0-0

5ly voted to alow Colo Ebenezer Bridge his acount 69-18-0-

6ly voted to alow Levi Kimball his acount . 16-10-0-

7ly voted to alow Phinehas Hartwell his acount 22-0-0-

8ly voted to alow John Putnam his acount . 15-6-0-

9ly voted to alow Dr maccarty his a Count . 291-0-0-

10ly voted to alow Daniel Putnam his aCount 160-0-0-

11ly voted to alow Oliver Stickne his acount . 144-0-0-

12ly voted to alow Capt Jonathan Wood his acount 84-0-0-

13ly voted to alow William Brown his acount . 30-0-0-

14ly voted to alow Joſeph Sawyer his a Count . 7-4-0-

15ly Voted to alow aſeph Perre his a Count . 32-10-0-

16ly voted to alow John farwell his acount . 18-0-0-

17ly voted to alow Jacob upton his acount . 32-10-0-

18ly voted to alow Elijah Carter his acount . 64-0-0-

19ly voted to alow Decon John Thurſton his aCount 20-0-0-

ly voted to alow Kindall Boutall his a Count . . . . . 38-18-0 } taken off

20ly voted to alow Capt Ruben Gibſon his acount 20-0-0-

21ly voted to alow Joſeph Walker his a Count . 16-0-0-

22ly voted to alow Iſaac Gibson his a Count . 9-0-0-

23ly voted to alow John Goodard his a Count . 3-0-0-

24ly voted to pay John farwell for finding & Delivring at mr Paysons house thirty Coards of Good Wood £440-0-0 440-0-0

[**192**] 25ly voted to Raiſe Two Thouſand pounds to provide a Scool or Scools £2000-0-0

and also £500 pounds I Thos Cowdin Give to be Scoold out in the Scool house Sot on sd Cowdins Land . £500-0-0

Thos Cowdin

26ly voted and Choſe 6 as a Committe to provide a Scool maſter or maſters . . . .

27ly voted Choſe Joſeph Walker & Decon Thurſton & David Parce & Joſeph Downe & Phinehas Sawyer Jur &

Joſeph farnsworth to be a Committe to provid Scool maſter or maſters . . .

28ly voted that Each Committe man Draw his part of the Towns money acording to their valuation

This meeting Diſolvd

Joſeph Walker moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester ſs—To Mr Phinehas Hartwell One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—These are in the name of the Goverment & People of the State of Maſsachusetts Bay to will & require You forthwith to notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the new Constitution to vote for a Repreſentative to Aſsemble & meet at the Meeting house in sd Fitchburg on Monday the Ninth day of October next at five o clock in the Afternoon to elect & depute a proper Person to repreſent them in the Great & General Court to be convend, held & kept at the State house in Boston on the last Wednesday of October next or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

Hereof fail not & make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before sd day—Given under our hands & seal this twentyfifth day of September A D 1780

Elijah Carter
Thads Maccarty } Selectmen for Fitchburg
Jona Wood

[**193**] Worcester ſs—Fitchburg October 9th. 1780—

Agreable to the Directions of this Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town qualified by the new Constitution to vote for a Repreſentative to meet at time & place & for the purposes within mentiond

Phinehas Hartwell Const

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg October 9th 1780. Capt Thos Cowdin was chosen to represent ſd Town at the Great & General Court to be convend held & kept at the state House in

Boston on the last Wednesday of October current, agreable to the new Constitution or form of Goverment

Elijah Carter
Thad^{s} Maccarty } Selectmen for Fitchburg
Wm Thurlo

Attest Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worefter ſs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Conſtables of the Towne of Fitchburgh Greeting . .

Theſe are in the name of the Goverment & people of the State of Maſsachusetts Bay to will & require you verbally forthwith to warn the Free holders & other Inhabetants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſemble & meet at the Meeting house in s^{d} Fitchburgh on Monday the 23 Day of this Ins^{t} October at Two O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the following articles viz . . . .

1^{ly} to chooſe a Moderator . . . . .

2^{ly} To see what method the Town will procure the Beef required by the General Coart in their reſolves of Septembr the 25 1780—Hereof fail not & make due returne of your doings therin together with this warrant to Some one of us at or before s^{d} Day . . . . .

Given under our hands & Seal this twentieth Day [**194**] of october A D 1780

Thos Cowdin
Thad^{s} Maccarty } Select men for Fitchburg
Elijah Carter

Worceſter ſs a Greeable to the Directions of this warrent I have Given verbale notice to the Inhabitents to attend a meeting to be held at the meeting house the 23 Day at two O Clock after noon of this Inſtant october—Fitchburg october the 23 1780

Phinehas Hartwell Cunſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled octobr the 23 1780 . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly voted and Chofe Decon David Goodridge moderator

2ly votted and raised Eight Thousand pound . £8000— to proqure or purches foure Thousand & Eight hundred pounds of Beefe a Greable to a Refolve of the General Coart of September the 25 1780—

3ly votted to Chufe a Committee to procure the Beefe for the armey a Greable to the Coarts Refolve—

4ly votted and Chofe Decon John Thurfton & Afe Perre and Ephm Kimball Jur to be a Committe to purches the Beefe and that the Towns Committe Give their Securety in behalfe of the Town of Fitchburgh for sd Beefe— The meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[**195**] (Seal) Worcefter fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunftables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the Name of the Common welth of mafsachufets you are herby requird Verbaly to notify & warn the free holders and other Inhabitents belonging to the North side of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble & meet at the meeting house in sd Town on monday the 25 Day of this Inst Decembr at one O Clock in the afternoon then and their being Duely met & formd to act on the folowing artcles viz . . . .

1ly to Chuese a moderator . . . . .

2ly to See in what method the Town will provide Beefe for the use of the armey agreable to the General Coarts Refolvs & act thereon as they shall think proper

3ly to See whether the Town will alow aney acounts to perfons to whome it is Indeted or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile not & make due returne of this Warrant with your dowings thereon to Sum one of us at or before sd day—

Given under our Hands & Seale this 21 day of Decembr A D 1780

Elijah Carter
Thads maccarty } Selectmen of
Jonathan Wood
William Thurlo } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs Fitchburgh Decembr the 23 1780

A Greabele to the Directions of this warrant I have notifyd & caſed to be notifyd the free holders & other Inhabitents of the north ſide of ſd Town to attend at time & place for the porpoſes within mentned—

Phinehas Hartwell Cunſtable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled the 25 Day Decembr 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh Decembr the 25 1780 . . .

1ly voted and Choſe mr Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2ly voted and a Jurnd Down to the house of Thos Cowdins

3ly voted raſe a Sum of money to purchis nine thousand two hundred & Sixteen pounds of Beeſe . . 9216 Wate of Beefe

4ly voted Raiſe fifteen Thousand pounds to purches Beefe £15000-0-0-

5ly voted and Choſe Decon John Thurſton mr Aſe Perre & mr Ephm Kimball & Capt Thurlo to be a Committe to purches the Beeſe requeſted by the General Courts Reſolvs of Decembr the 4 1780

6ly voted to alow mr Hodgkin his a Count which is £184-18-0

7ly voted that the aſſeſsors aſeſs the fifteen thousand pounds to purches the Beeſe Requsted by the General Courts order of Decembr the 4 1780 . . . .

[196] 8ly voted that this Town meeting be a jurnd til Tueſday the ninth Day of Janeuery 1781 then to meet at the meeting hous at one o Clock the after noon

Then the Town meet is a jurnd acordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Janeuary the 9 1781 The Town meet acording to a jurnment

9ly voted to alow mr Walker his a Count for mending the bridge which is £24-0-0

10ly voted to alow Aſeph Goodridge his a Count . . 25-4-0 pd

11ly voted to alow Levi Kimball his a Count . 48–12–0
12ly voted to alow Hezekiah Hodgkins his a Count . . 54–0–0
13ly voted this meeting bee adgornd to monday the 22 Day of this Inſtant Janeuery at twelve o Clock at noon . . . .
Then to meet at the meeting house in fd Fitchburgh
This meeting is adgornd a Cordingly
{Thads maccarty Town Clerk
{by order of the Select men
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

acording to the a dgornment the Town meet on the 22 Day of Janeuery 1781 . . .
14ly voted that the Committe be orderd to procure the Beefe a chepe & Soone as poſably they Can
This meeting Diſolvd
Phinehas Hartwell moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worceſter ſs To mr Daniel Farwell one of the Cunſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . In the name of the Goverment and people this Common welth . . . you are herby Requird to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitents of sd Town that are Qualifyd by Law to vote in Town afares to aſsemble and meet at the meeting house on Tueſday the nonth Day of Janeuery 1781 at ten O Clock in the fore noone then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles
1ly to Chueſe a moderator . . . . .
2ly to See what method the Town will Com into to Raiſe or hire the nine Contenantel men Requeſted by the General Courts Reſolve of Decembr the 4 1780—or act aney thing their on as ſhall think proper . . .
3ly to ſe whether the Town will Take into their Conſideration all thoſe that have Dun more than their proportion in the preſent ware or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper
[197] 4ly to See Whether the Town will Take into their Conſideration what is beſt to be done as to the new moneys being a tender as their is Danger of fd tender

being taken of by the General Coart as their are maney of the membr much in faver of the tenders being Difcontinued or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . .

Here off faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to fum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this 25 Day of Decembr A D 1780 . . . .

Thos Cowdin
Elijah Carter
Jonathan Wood
William Thurlo
} Select men of Fitchburg

Worceſter fs Fitchburgh Janeuery the 9 1781

a Greable to the Directons of this warrant I have Notifyd all the free holders & other Inhabitents of s[d] Town to attend at time & place for the purpoſe within mentned

Daniel Farwell Cunſtable

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg aſsembled Janeuery the 9 1781

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1[ly] voted and Chofe Capt Jonathan Wood moderator

2[ly] voted to ajurn s[d] meeting to the house of Cap[t] Cowdins for one half ower . . . .

3[ly] voted to Raiſe the nine Contnantel men by a Rate of aſseſing the whole town for their Hire . . .

4[ly] voted to alow the field officers & Commiſion officers belongin to town as an addition to the former Committe to Raise the men to Supply the preſent ware acording to General Coarts order—

5[ly] motined to See whether the third artcle Shall be acted upon the vote paſsed in the Negetive and paſed over . . . .

6[ly] voted to Shue their minds in Regard to have the Laſt omiſhon of Contnantel bills be a Lawfull tender & it paſsed in the affarmitive . . . .

7[ly] voted this meeting be adjornd to monday the 22 Day of this Inſtant Janeuery—The meeting is adjurnd

aCordingly then to meet at the meeting house at one o Clock in the after noon

Phinehas Hartwell Clark
by order of the Select men

Janeuery the 22 1781 met at the adjorment—

8ly voted and Chofe Decon John Thurfton & Liut Thos Hartwell as an adition to the former Committe for Hiring Solders into the prefent War

Jonathan Wood moderator
This meeting Difolvd Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[198] (Seal) Worcefter fs To Mr Phinehas Hartwell One of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

These are in the Name of the Common Wealth of Maffachufetts to will & require you forthwith to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to afsemble & meet at the Meeting house in sd Fitchburg on Munday the Fifth Day of March next at Nine O Clock in the Forenoon then and their being duly met & form,d to Act on the following Articles viz

1 To chufe a Moderator

2ly To chooſe Selectmen & other Town Officers for the year enfuing as the Law directs . . . . .

3ly To Accept any roads or highways that have ben laid out by the Selectmen or their order . . .

4ly To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to keep the high ways in repair and see in what method it shall be work,d out the year Enfuing . . .

5ly To see who will take Mrs Hart and Support her the year enfuing and for what sum of money . . .

6ly To see if the Town will abate any persons Rates on any List committed to any Constable, or any part

7ly To see if the Town will vote the swine to go at Large the prefent year under the Regulations of the Law

8ly To see if the Town will advance to the Revd Mr Payson Money safficient to pay for the houfe & Land laying next to him which now belongs to Thaddeus Maccarty, upon condition that Mr Payson relinquishes annually for the future a certain Propotion of the Wood

which the Town are oblig,[d] to provide for him, or whether the Town will for any other Conſideration advance said money, or act any thing theiron as they ſhall think proper

9[ly] For the Town to hear the report of the Committee appointed by them to procure Soldiers for the Army and Act thereon as they ſhall think proper . . .

10[ly] To see whether the Town will make any Conſideration to the Conſtables for the Last year for their extraordinary services, or or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

11[ly] To chuſe a Regiſter of Deeds for the County of Worceſter

[**199**] Hereof fail not and make' return of the Warrant with your doing thereon to some One of us at or before s[d] Day Given under our hands & seal this 15th Day of Februery A D 1781—

Elijah Carter
Thad[s] Maccarty
Jonathan Wood
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worcester fs. March 5th 1781

Agreeable to the directions of this warrant I have Notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings, to aſſemble at time and place & for the purpoſes within mentioned

Phinehas Hartwell Conſtable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſſembled on munday March 5[th] 1781—

1[ly] Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2[ly] Voted and choſe Tha[d]s Maccarty Daniel Putnam Aſa Perry Oliver Stickney & Tho[s] Hartwell Selectmen & aſſeſsors for the year Enſuing . . . Selectmen & Aſſeſsors

3[ly] Voted and Chose Joſeph Fox Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

4[ly] Voted and chose Joſeph Fox Town Treaſurer . Town Treaſurer

5[ly] Voted and chose Cap[t] Reuben Gibson Deacon John Thurſtin & Phinehas Brown Committy of Safty . . Committy of Safty

6ly Voted and chose John Carter Conſtable for the south side . . . . . Conſtable

7ly Voted and chose Phinehas Sawyer Jur Conſtable for the North Side . . . . . Conſtable

8ly Voted and Chose John Venon & David Pratt . . . . . Tythingmen

9ly Voted and Chose Wm Small Capt Samll Burbank Hezekiah Hodgſkins Leut Seth Phillips Jonathan Ruſsell Joſeph Phelps James Walker Joſeph Venon Wm Brown . . . . . Highway Survayors

10ly Voted & chose Daniel Thurstin Amos Parce Thos Thurstin, & Joſeph Polley . . . . . Hogreves

11ly Voted and Chose Paul Wetherbee & Eli Ruſsell . . . . . Firewards

12ly Voted and Chose James Walker . . . Survayor of Clabbords & Shingles

13 Voted & chose Capt Jona Wood . . . Survayors of hoops & Staves

[**200**] 14ly Voted & chose Thos Thurstin . . Sealer of Leather

15ly Voted & chose David Parce . . . . Sealer of Weights & meaſures

16ly Voted & raised Six thouſand pounds to repair the high ways . . . . . £6000 –

17ly Voted that sd Money be workt out at five Dollars an hour and that the Oxen Tools &c be in the Uſeal Propotion . . .

18ly Voted that Each person work his Rates out by the first of Dcember and if it is not workd out by that time that the List be returned to the Aſſeſsors & that the Delinquency be annext to the Delinquents next tax—

19ly Voted to give Capt Samll Burbank Forty bushels of Rye to Support Mrs Hart one whole year from this time & to make up the Depreciation of the money the year Past and so in propotion if she should Die before the end of the year . . . . .

20ly Voted that the swine run at Large the year Enſuing under the regulations of the Law . . .

21ly Voted that this meeting be adjorned to Monday the 12th of this Inſtent March and this meeting is adjorn,d accordingly . . . . .

March 12th the Town mett according to adjornment

22nd Voted to Difmifs the Eight Article article in the warrant concerning Mr Payfons Request . . .

23ly Voted that the Committee chofen to procure Soldiers for the three years service offer the men that shall go for three years One hundred hard Dollers Each, for Each year

24ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire Nine hundred Dollers hard money upon the Towns Credit . . .

25ly Voted and Wm Brown & Elijah Garfield a committee for the above purpose of hireing the Nine hundred Dollers hard money—

26ly Voted to pafs over the 10th article in the warrant

27ly Voted & chose Mr Joſeph Walker & Nicholas Danforth fence viewers . . . . . Fence viewers

28ly Voted to Endemnify the Aſſeſsors & Millitia offercers for not puting in Execution the Courts Reſolves reſpecting clafsing the Inhabitants in order to procure the Continential men required of this Town . . . . .

[201] 29ly Voted to abate Eli Rufsells Minefters Depreciation Rate which is £6–13– £6 13 0

30ly Voted to adjorn this meeting to Tusday the 13th of this Inſtant March at two O Clock in the afternoon at this place the meeting adjornd accordingly

March 13th 1781 The Town meet according to adjornment

31ly Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 19th of this Inſtant March at One OClock in the afternoon at this place the meeting is adjorned accordingly . . .

March 19th 1781 The Town mett according to adjornment

32ly Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 26th of this Inſtent march at One OClock in the afternoon at this place this meeting adjornd accordingly . . .

March 26th 1781 The Town mett according to adjornment

33ly Voted to reconsider that part of the 27th vote (viz) that the Aſſeſsors & millitia officers do not clafs the Inhabitents according to the Courts Reſolves . . .

34ly Voted that the Affeſsors proceed Emediately to Claſs the Inhabitants in order to procure the remainder of the Continential Soldiers requird of this Town, which is not already procured

35ly Voted to adjorn this meeting to monday the 2nd Day of April at one OClock in the afternoon at this place the meeting adjornd accordingly . . . . .

April 2nd 1781 The Town mett according to adjornment

36ly Voted to abate John Priests Pole Tax in James Patterſons List which is . . . . . £30–11–0 . .

37ly Voted to abate Thos Hills Rate in James Patterſons List which is . . . . . £3–6–6 . . .

38ly Voted and Chose Capt Samll Burbank Collector for the south side of the Town in the Rome of Mr Jos Walker Diſmiſed and the said Burbank is to be allowed the same upon the hundred for collecting as Mr Walker was to have had which is Twenty six shilling the old Continential Currency or other money to the value . . .

39ly Voted that this meeting be Diſolved and this meeting is Diſolved accordingly

David Goodridge Moderator
Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

[202] (Seal) Worceſter ſs

To Mr Phinehas Hartwell One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts these are to require you forthwith, Verbally, to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſembly & meet at the Meeting House in sd Town on monday the twelvth day of this Inst March at Nine OClock in the forenoon then and their being duly met & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chuse a Moderator

2dly To see whether the Town will make any consideration to the Constables that are chosen for the year enſuing or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum One of us at or before said Day. Given Under our hands & seal this Eighth Day of March A D 1781—

Thadˢ Maccarty, Afa Perry, Thoˢ Hartwell } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worceſter. ſs Fitchburg March 12th 1781—

Agreeable to the directions of this warrant I have given Publick notice to the Inhabitants of sd Town to attend at time and Place and for the purpoſes within mentioned as near as the Sabbath Day would admit of

Errors Excepted . . Phinehas Hartwell Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Aſſembled March 12th 1781—

1ly Voted & Chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2ly Voted to Excuse Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur & Mr John Carter for Serving as Collectors the year Enſuing they paying into the Town Treaſurer ten Dollers each the old way . . . . .

[203] 3ly Voted to Accept Nine hundred Dollers Each of Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur & Mr John Carter for the ten Doller Each the old way for serving as to collecting the money which shall be aſſesed the Enſuing year

4ly Voted that Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur & Mr John Carter pay the above sums of nine hundred Dollers Each to the Collector or Collectors which shall be choſen for the purpose of collecting the money which shall be aſſesed the Enſuing year—

5ly Voted to chuse to Collectors

6ly Voted that the Collectors which shall be choſen shall procure bonsmen if required by the Town . . .

7ly Voted and chose Mr Joſeph Walker Collector for the South side of the Town for the Enſuing year for which the Town voted to give him twenty six shillings upon the hundred pound which he shall collect and pay when ordered

8ly Voted & chose Capt Reuben Gibson Collector for the North side the Town for the Enſuing year for which the town voted to give him twenty five shillings upon the

Hundred pound which he shall collect and pay when ordered

9ly Voted that this meeting be Difolved—

The meeting Difolved accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell moderator
Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs. To Mr Phinehas Sawyer Junr O of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . .

In the name of the Common Wealth of Maſſachuſetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify in due course of Law agreeable to the New Conſtitution the Freeholders & other Inhabitents quallified thereby to vote for the Officers hereafter mentioned to aſſemble & meet at the meeting houſe in sd Fitchburg on Monday the Second Day of April next at Two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly met and formed to vote—

1ly For a Governor

2ly For a Lievtenent Governor—

3ly For five Counſellors & Senators—

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to Some one of us at or before sd Day Given under our hands & Seal this twenty forth Day of March A D 1781

Thads Maccarty, Daniel Putnum, Thos Hartwell } Selectmen of Fitchburg

[**204**] Worceſter: ſs: Fitchburg April 2nd 1781—

By virtue of the within warrant. I have warnd all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town to meet at the time and place within mentioned—

Phinehas Sawyer Junr Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſſembled on monday the 2nd Day of April A D 1781—

1ly Voted & chose His Excellency John Hancock Esqr Governor of this Commonwealth—thirty five votes — Votes 35

2ly Voted and chose The Honorable Thos Cushing Esqr Lievt Governor twenty six votes 26
3ly Voted and Chose the Following Gentlemen as Counſellors & Senators . . .
Israel Nichols Esqr 26 votes Samll Baker Esqr 26 votes
Seth Washbern Esqr 26 votes Samll Curtis Esqr 26 votes
Wm Denſmore Esqr 26 votes
The meeting Diſolved

Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

Fitchburg April 7th 1781—Then recd of the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg One hundred & six Bushels of Indian Corn it being in full of a Note given to my son Stephen for serveing as a Soldier in the Continential Army agreable to the Reſolves of the General Court which Note is lost John Thurston

A true coppy Attest Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

[205] (Seal) Worceſter ſs: To Mr Phinehas Sawyer Junr One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting——

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Maſſachuſetts these are to require you forthwith to notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on Tusday the Fifth Day of June next at One O Clock in the afternoon then and there being duely met & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chose a Moderator

2 To see whether the Town will raise any sum or sums of money to pay such depreciation as by Law is become due and alſo for such other purposes as are neceſsary for the Towns use or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

3 To see Whether the Town will make any Conſideration to Capt Reuben Gibson, for an Obligation which he gave to Abraham Willard to Serve in the Army or act any thing there on as they shall think proper——Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your

doings thereon to sum one of us at or before s^d^ Day Given under our hands and Seal this twenty first Day of May A D 1781

Thad^s^ Maccarty, Daniel Putnum, Afa Perry, Oliver Stickney } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs June 5th 1781—

by virtue of this warrant I have Notified all the free-holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place within mentioned . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Junr Conſtable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſsembled June 5th 1781—

1st Voted and Chose Capt Willm Thurlo Moderator—

2nd Voted not to raise any money to pay up any depreciation at this meeting

3^ly^ Voted not to allow Capt Gibson any allowance for the private contract between s^d^ Gibson & Abraham Willard as to a Note Capt Gibson gave to Willard for fifty bushels Rye. The meeting Difsolved

Willm Thurlo Moderator

by order of the Selectmen

Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[**206**] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To Phinehas Sawyer Junr One of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts you are hereby ordered forthwith to Notify and warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of Fitchburg to Aſsemble at the meeting house in s^d^ Town on munday the ninth of this Inſtant July at five OClock in the Afternoon to act on the following Articles (viz)

1st To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To see what method the Town will come into to git the Beef that is Emediately demanded of the Town

3 To see whether the Town will indemnify the Con-ſtables in taking the Old Emiſſion of money . . .

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to sum one with you doings theiron to sum one of us at or before s^d^ time given under our hands and Seals this ninth Day of July 1781 —

Daniel Putnam, Afa Perry, Oliver Stickney } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs July 9th 1781 —

By virtue of the within warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants according to the within warrant

Phinehas Sawyer Junr Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Aſſembled July 9th 1781 —

1st Voted and Chose Capt Willm Thurlo Moderator

2^ly^ Voted that the Committe which was chosen by the Town to purchase the beef, Emediately go out in order to purchase the beef required of this Town by the General Court, and that s^d^ Committee Engage the pay for s^d^ beef in three Months

The meeting Difolved

Willm Thurlo Moderator
Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

[207] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To John Carter One of the Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . In the name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts you are hereby ordered In due corse of Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d^ Town on Tusday the twenty forth Day of this Inſtant July at three OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . . .

1^ly^ To chuse a moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting . . .

2^ly^ To see what method the town will take to procure the Beef that they are call^d^ upon for and see what sum or

sums of money they will raiſe to pay for s^{d} Beef and what currency they will raiſe it in . . . . .

3^{ly} To see What method the Town will take to procure the Clothing they are called upon for, or act any thing upon the above articles as they shall think proper when meet

Hereof Fail not and make return with your doings their on to sum one of us at or before s^{d} Day given under our hands and Seal this ninth Day of July A D 1781 . .

Daniel Putnam
Aſa Perry
Oliver Stickney
Thos^{r} Hartwell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worceſter: ſs: In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the meeting house on the Twenty forth Day of July 1781 . . . . .

John Carter Conſtable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Aſſembled July 24th 1781 . . . . .

1^{ly} Voted & chose Capt Thos^{r} Cowdin Moderator

2^{ly} Voted that this meeting be Diſolved the meeting Diſolved accordingly

Tom^{s} Cowdin Moderator
Jo^{s}: Fox Town Clerk

[**208**] (Seal) Worceſter: ſs: Phinehas Sawyer Junr One of the Conſtables for the town of Fitchburg Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are hereby ordered in due corse of Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallifyed by law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble and meet at the meeting house in s^{d} Town on tusday the forth Day of September next at One OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . . .

1^{ly} To chose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly To see what method to Town will come into for supplying the agent with Beef or act any thing refering there unto . . . .

3ly To see what method the Town will take to Support the Revd Mr Payson this prefent year . . .

4ly To see what method the Town will take to support the Poor

5ly To see what method the Town will take to provid schools or any thing refering their unto as they shall think Propper . . . .

6ly To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray town charges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

7ly To see what method the Town will take to pay such Debts as the Continential money will not discharge. or act any thing refering their unto as they shall think propper . . . .

8ly To see what method the town will take to procure the Clothing Demanded of sd Town for the Army . .

9ly To see if the Town will allow such accounts as shill be laid before them for services Done for sd Town . .

10ly To see what method the Town will take to supply The Revd Mr Payson with Wood for the year Enfuing . . . .

Hereof fail not to make return of your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before sd Day given under Our hands and Seal this Sixteenth Day of August. 1781 . . .

Afa Perry
Oliver Stickney
Thomas Hartwell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worcefter: fs. August 31st 1781—

by virtue of this warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to affemble and meet at the time and place within mentioned

Phinehas Sawyer Junr Conftable.

[209] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitant of the Town of Fitchburg affembled Sept 4th 1781 . . .

1ly Voted and chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator . . . . .

2ly Voted that their be a Committee chosen to let out by vendue to the lowest bidder in Small Quantitys if it will best sute, The Beef required of this Town to supply the Army

3ly Voted that the committee consist of three men . .

4ly Voted and chose Capt Jonathan Wood Capt Willm Thurlo and Mr Kendal Boutell to be the Committee for the above purpose

5ly Voted to raise one hundred pounds in hard money to pay the Reverend Mr Payson his Salery this present year to be in hard money or in produce at the following prices (viz) Wheat at 9/ pr bushel. Rye at 6/ pr bushel Indian corn at 4/ pr bushel, Labour in the Summer Seafon at at 4/ pr Day Flax at 1/ pr pound Pork at 5d pr pound Sheeps woll at 2/ pr pound. Beef at 3½d pr pound, and all other produce in propotion . . . . . £100 – –

6ly Voted to raise Sixty pounds hard Money to hire school Master, Masters or Mistresses . . . . . £60 – –

7ly Voted and Chose Mr Asa Perry Capt Wm Thurlo Mr Ephr Kimball Junr Mr John Carter Mr Samll Harris & Mr Joseph Holt to be the schools Committee to provide school or schools as they shall think proper . . .

8ly Voted that the School money be laid out as ordered by the Town the Last year . . . . .

9ly Voted to chuse a committee to Examine the Accounts, Notes, orders, &c which the Town is now Indebted and see what hard money must be raisd to Discharge those Debts agreable to the Scale

10ly Voted that the Selectmen & Town Treasurer be the Committee for the above purpose and make report to the Town . . . . .

11ly Voted to raise One hundred & fifty pounds to pay neffesary charges £150 0 0

12ly Voted to raise thirty six pounds to pay for Beef already purchased £36 0 0

13ly Voted to raise Twenty pounds to provide Cloth-ing for the Army which the town is called upon for . 20 – –

14ly Voted Voted to pay Mr Aseph Goodridge Seven pounds thirteen Shillings for finding and Delivering at Mr Paysons house Thirty Cord of good Wood corded up at

his house the Said goodride to begin to git the Wood the first of Deembr next . . . . . £7 13 –

15ly Voted that this meeting be adjorned to the Twenty fifth Day of this Inſtant Sept at one OClock afternoon at this place

[**210**] Sept 25th 1781. The Town meet according to the adjornment and proceeded to biſinefs . . . . .

16ly Voted to raise Forty pounds ten shillings in order to pay for the remainder of the Last Coto of Beef which the Town is called upon for which is 2254 . . £40 10 –

17ly Voted to paſs over the Seventh article in the warrant for the preſent

18ly Voted to allow Doct Thadeus Mc Carty for thirty Days service as an aſſeſsor . . . . . £4 0 –

19ly Voted to allow Mr Ephr Kimball Junrs act which is . . . . . 3 8 –

20ly Voted to allow Mr Aſa Perry his act which is 1 4 0

21ly Voted to allow Capt Jonathan Wood for service done the Town . . . . . 2 16 –

22ly Voted to allow Mr Thos Kimbool for pr Shoes . . 0 8 –

23ly Voted to allow Mr Aſa Perrys at which is 1 19 –

24ly Voted to allow Deacon Thurstins act which is . . 0 9 –

25ly Voted to allow Capt Thos Hartwells act which is 2 14 –

26ly Voted to allow Mr Elijah Carters act which is . . 3 19 8

27ly Voted to allow Mr Daniel Putnams act . . – 6 0

28ly Voted to allow Mr David Parces act which is . . 0 16 –

29ly Voted to allow Capt Thos Hartwells act which is 0 8 0

30ly Voted to allow Capt Samll Burbanks at which is 1 0 7

31ly Voted to allow Joseph Fox for serving as Town Treaſurer for the the year 1780 . . . . . 4 10 0

32ly Voted to allow Capt Thurlo for service done the Town as Selectman and Aſſeſsor for the year 1780 . 2 10 8

33ly Voted to allow Mr Elijah Garfield for service as a Committee man going to Boston to hire hard money for the Towns use 0 17 4

34ly Voted to allow Mr Wm Brown for service as a committee man, going to Boston to hire hard money for the Towns use 0 17 4

35ly Voted to allow Capt Thos Cowdin for serving as Town Treasurer five months in the year 1778 and the whole of the year 1779 and as a Committee man to hire Soldiers for the army . . . . . 6 12 –

36ly Voted to allow Capt Reuben Gibsons act which is 0 12 0

37ly Voted to allow Joseph Fox for Serving Seven months as Treasurer in the year 1778 . . . . . 2 10 –

[211] 38ly Voted to allow Mr Samll Davis his act for Opening and Sweeping the meeting house Eighteen months to this present time £1 4 0

39ly Voted to Raise One hundred and twenty nine pounds to Defray town Charges 129 0 0

40ly Voted that this be Desolved

David Goodridge Moderator
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Fitchburg December 25th 1781—

This may certify whome it may concern that the following persons is Licenced by us the Subscribers to Sell Tea agreeable to the act of the General Court Pased Novr 1st 1781—(viz) John Solley Esqr Wm Hichborn Esqr & Joseph Fox

Daniel Putnum, Oliver Stickney, Thos Hartwell } Selectmen of Fitchburg

(Seal) Worcester ss: To Phinehas Sawyer Junr one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting: In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby ordered in due corse of Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house in sd Town on

munday the Thirty first Day of this inftant December at twelve OClock on s^d^ Day then and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1^ly^ To chose a Moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting . .

2^ly^ To see what method the Town will take to procure the beef that should have ben provided last year that is now Demanded . . . .

3^ly^ To see what method the Town will take in further, inftructing the old Conftables and if the Town will give them any orders how to Collect the Taxes that are behind in the Delinquant Conftables hands that was raised in Continential money or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper when meet . . . .

Hereof fail not to make return of your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before s^d^ Day given under Our hands and Seal this Seventeenth Day of December A D 1781

Daniel Putnum
Afa Perry
Oliver Stickney
Thos Hartwell
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worcefter fs. Decemb^r^ 28th 1781—

By virtue of this warrent I have notifyed & warnd the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place with in mentioned . .

Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r^ Conftable

[212] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled December 29th 1781—

1^ly^ Voted and Chose Capt Reuben Gibfon Moderator

2^ly^ Voted that the Selectmen procure the beef that is behind when it is Demanded

3^ly^ Voted that Mr Phinehas Hartwell and Mr Daniel Farwell Conftables for the year 1780 shall collect what is delinquent in their hands at the rate of one Silver Doller for Seventy five Dollers, as it stands set Down in their Lists

4^ly^ Voted that the other Delinquent Conftables shall Colect what what is in their hands uncollected according

to the Scale of Depreciation when s^d^ money was ordered to be paid into the Treafurer

5^ly^ Voted that this meeting be Difolved

Reuben Gibfon Moderator

Daniel Putnum Clerk protemporary

A true coppy from the minutes attest

Jofeph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: fs To John Carter One of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—By a request to us for a number of the Inhabitants of s^d^ Town we in the Name of this Commonwealth do require you forthwith in due Corse of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of s^d^ Town Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in s^d^ Town on Friday the Eight Day of February next at twelve OClock on s^d^ Day then and their being duly meet and form^d^ to act on the following articles (viz

1^ly^ To chuse a moderator to govern s^d^ meeting

2^ly^ To see how much value the old paper Currency stood at for purchasing articles or paying demands for which it was affesed for in each Rate at the time they become payable and at what number of Dollers they purchased the articles they ware defigned for which yet remains in the hands of Phinehas Hartwell & Daniel Farwell Conftables that is not collected for the better underftanding of the Inhabitants of s^d^ Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

3^ly^ To see what value the Silver money is at now in purchasing the same articles & paying the Towns Debts that a Just estimation be made between the Silver and the old paper Currency in propotion to its value in purchasing the same articles or paying Just demands that the creditor may receive his Just reward & the Debter be not injered or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper when meet—

[213] 4^ly^ To see what may be done with regard to the old paper Currency that Each person paid into the Conftables after the value was Dead as to purchasing the

articles & paying the Debts affesed for, that is now stored in the Treafurers hands to the Damage of said Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

5th To see if the Town will take into confideration their paper money Debts and the Notes given for Corn and Settle them in Silver money or give Security for them that a Settlement may be made that the Town may know what Standing they are upon . . .

6ly To see what the Town will allow to Phinehas Hartwell and Daniel Farwell Conftables, for their Service for collecting the Taxes in their hands or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper—

7ly To see how the Town will Settle with the Soldiers that was hired to go into the Service for three months the Last campain and have notes for the Same & did not march . . . . .

8ly To see if the Town will make any confideration for a Note that Capt Gibfon gave to Abraham Willard for going into the Continential Service for six months or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

9ly To see if the Town will abate any person or persons Rates that is in any of the Conftables hands or any part of their rates or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

Hereof Fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theron to sum one of us at or before said Day given under Our hands and Seal this Twenty fifth Day of Januery 1782—

Daniel Putnum
Afa Perry
Oliver Stickney
Thomas Hartwell
} Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs Febry ye 8th 1782

By virtue of and agreeable to the within warrant I have Notifyed the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualifyed By Law to vote, to affemble at time and place and for the purpoſes within Mentioned

John Carter Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Aſſembled February 8th 1782

1ly Voted and chose Mr Kendal Boutell Moderator

2ly Voted that the Selectmen & Town Treaſurer be a committe to take under conſideration the fifth article in the warrant and make report at sum futer meeting . . .

3ly Voted to chuse a committee to see how they can settle with the three months men that was hired to go to west point and did not march . . . . .

4ly Voted & chose Capt Thos Cowdin Mr Elijah Garfield & Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur to be the committee for the above purpose

5ly Voted to abate Aſa Ruſsells Rates in Jonathan Holts List it being Twenty shillings

[214] 6ly Voted to abate Adam Colwells Rates in Jonath Holts List it being Twenty One shillings two pence three farthings . . . . .

7ly Voted that this meeting be adjorned to munday the Eighteenth of this Inſtant Febry at One OClock in the afternoon at this place . . . . .

February 18th 1782 The Town meet according to adjorment

8ly Voted to Diſmiſs Mr Kendal Boutell as moderator

9ly Voted and Chose Mr Daniel Putnum Moderator in the rome of Mr Kendal Boutell diſmisd . . . . .

10ly Voted to Chuse a Committee to take under conſideration the Second article in the warrant

11ly Voted & Chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell Capt Thos Cowdin & Mr David Mc Intire to be the committe for the above purpose

12ly Voted that the above Committee take under conſideration the 3rd & 4th articles in the warrant together with the Second article and make their report at the next March meeting . . . . .

13ly Voted that the above committee take under conſideration the 5th article in the warrant and the Towns paper money Debts & Corn Notes and take up the Towns notes and Settle them at as cheap a Rate as they can and give their Security for it in the Towns behalf and that the committe make report of their doings the next march meeting

14ly Voted that Mr Phinehas Hartwell and Mr Daniel Farwell Conſtables for the year 1780 pay into the Town Treaſurer Twelve Dollers Each and that the above Conſtables shall be paid Twenty five shillings upon the hundred pounds for that they shall collect. what is already collected in paper money is to be reckned in paper money but they to be paid according to the Scale

15ly Voted to paſs over the 8th article in the warrant

16ly Voted to paſs over the 9th article in the warrant

17ly Voted that this meeting be Diſolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator
Joſeph Fox Town Clerk

[215] (Seale) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur one of the Cunstables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

These are in the Name of the Common welth of Maſſachuſets to will & require you forthwith to notify & warn the freholders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the meeting house in sd Fitchburgh on monday the forth Day of march next at Nine O Clock in the fore noon then & their being duely met and formd to act on the following artcles (viz) . . .

1ly To chose a moderator to Govern sd meeting . .

2ly To Chose Select men & other Town officers for the year enſuing as the Law directs . . .

3ly To axcept aney roads or high ways that have ben laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

4ly To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to keep the high ways in repare and see in what method it shall be workd out the year inſuing . .

5ly To See who will take mrs Hart and Suport her the year enſuing and for what Sum of money . . .

6ly To See if the Town will abate aney prſons Rates on aney List Commited to aney Conſtable or aney part

7ly To See if the Town will vote the Swine to go at large the Enſuing year under the Regulation of the Law

8ly To See if the Town will fence the buring yard or agree with aney person to do it or act aney thing as they shall think proper . . . .

9ly To See if the Town will allow aney a Counts Shall be laid before them for Services done sd Town . . .

10ly To See what the Town will do with the axes shovels & Pick axes that was purchased by the town and was Stord with Capt Cowdin or act aney thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

Here of faile not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Som one of us at or before sd Day Given under our hands & Scale this fiftenth of Februry A D 1782

Daniel Putnam
Afa Perry
oliver Stickne
Thos Hartwell
} Select men of Fitchburgh

[216] Worceſter ſs March the 4 1782

by virtue of This warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the time & place with in mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſſembled march the 4 1782

1ly Voted and choſe Decon Goodridge moderator

2ly Voted to Chose three Select men for the year Enſuing

3ly Voted & Chose Capt Thos Cowdin mr oliver Stickne & mr Ephraim Kimball . . . . . Select men

4ly Voted and mr oliver Stickne mr Ephraim Kimball & mr John Thurſton . . . . . Aſſeſsors

5ly Voted & Chose Capt Thos Cowdin . Town Clerk

6ly Voted & Chose Capt Thos Cowdin Town Treasurer

7ly Voted & Chose Joſeph Fox Cunſtable for the South Side of the Town . . . . . Cunstable

8ly Voted & Choſe mr Jacob Upton Cunſtable for the North Side . . . . . Cunstable

9ly Voted to Chuse two Collicters to Collect the money that Shall be Aſſesed the Enſuing year The Conſtables that is choſe (viz) Joſeph fox & mr Jacob Upton

they paying into the Treaſurer ten Dolars Each the old way Shall Excuse them for Serving as Collectors

10ly Voted that the Collectors that Shall be Choſen shall Give bonds to the Town if Requird for the Sums Delivrd them to Collect . . . . .

11ly Voted & Choſe Capt Samuel Burbank . . Collector South Side

and that he Shall have Twenty Eight Shilings upon Evry hundred pound he Shall Collect . Collector north Side

12ly Voted & chose mr Joſeph Phelps Collector north Side and he Shall have Twenty Eight Shilings [217] upon Evrey hundred pound he Shall Collect . . . . .

13ly Voted & choſe mr James Walker & mr Aſa Perry . . . . . Tythingmen

14ly Voted and choſe Capt Jonathan Wood mr Hezekiah Hodgkins Lieut Kindall Boutall mr amos ordway mr Jacob Gibson mr aaron Eaton mr John Carter mr Joſeph Polley & Capt Thos Cowdin to be Survaers of high Wayes . . . . . Suvaers of high Ways

15ly Voted & choſe mr David Whitemore mr Hezekiah Hodgkins mr Jonathan Wares & mr William Beene hog reves . . . . . hog reves

16ly Voted & Choſe mr Joſhua Parce & mr Joſeph Gray . . . . . fier Wards

17ly Voted and choſe mr James Walker . . Surver of Clabords & Shingles

18ly Voted & Choſe Capt Jonathan Wood Survaer of hups & Staves . . . . . hups & Staves

19ly Voted & choſe mr oliver Brown . . Seler of Lether

20ly Voted & choſe mr David Parce . . . Seler of waits & meſhers

21ly Voted to Raise one hundred Pounds repare the high Ways & Bridges in this Town for the year Enſuing

22ly Voted to alow the perſons for their work Each Day upon the high ways their Cattle & other utentials the Same priſe as was alowd them in the year 1774 . . .

23ly Voted that the Survaers See that their Rates be workt out by the Last of Septembr next . . . . .

24ly Voted that the Surveyors of high Ways return their Lifts of Tax to the affefsors by the Laft of Septer next and thofe perfons that then hath not payd their Rates Shall be aded to their next Town Tax . . . . .

25ly Voted to abate John muges Rates in mr James Paterfons Lift it being two pounds Sixteen Shilings and Seven pence £2 16-7

26ly Voted to abate mr Ephraim Kimball pole tax in mr James Paterfons List it beng 31-2-0

27ly Voted to Give mr Thos Stearns Twelve pounds to Suport Mrs Hart one whole year and so in proportion if She should not Live the year out 12 0-0

[218] 28ly Voted to adjorn this meeting to the twentyeth Day of this Inftant march at one O Clock in the after noon at this place

Joſeph fox Town Clerk

March the 20 1782 the Town meet acording to the adjornment and preeded to bifnes

29ly Voted to abate Samuel Harrifes Rates in mr Phinehas Sawyers Lift 10/3 . . . . . 00 10 3

30ly Voted to abate one third of Capt Thos Hutchisons tax on his Real Eftate in Daniel farwells List and the paper tax in Capt Samuel Burbank Lift . . . . .

31ly Voted Let the Swine Go at Large under the Regolation of the Law . . . . .

32ly Voted to fence the Burying yard . . . . .

33ly Voted to Chuese a Committe for the above purpose

34ly Voted and Choſe mr Afa Perrey & John Goodridge Afeph Goodridge to be a Committe to fence the Burying yard with a Good Stone Wall and Git the Wall Bult as Cheap as they Can . . . . .

35ly Voted to alow mr Joſeph Walker his a Count which is . . . . . £1-0-0 paid

36ly Voted to alow oliver Stickne his a Count which is . . . . . x5 16-0 paid

37ly Voted to alow Daniel Putnam his a Count which is . . . . . x6-4-0 paid

38ly Voted to alow Afa Perrey his a Count which is . . . . . x5-4-0 paid

39ly Voted to alow Thos Hartwell his a Count which is . . . . . x5 16 0 paid

40ly Voted to alow Joſeph Fox his a Count which is . . . . . x9 3 5 paid

41ly Voted and Choſe Thos Cowdin to Sell the Towns Shovels and axes & pick axes at a vandue to the highest Bidder

42ly Voted and axcepted mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur to Serve as Cunſtable in mr Joſeph Foxes Rume mr fox paying twelve Silver Dolars to the Town Treaſurer

[219] 43ly Voted to abate Abner Livermors Rates in James Paterſons List which is in paper money . £17 9 0

44ly Voted to abate forty one pounds of Jonas Kindalls tax in mr Daniel farwells Liſt paper money . £41-0-0

This Town meeting Disolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh Febuery the 25 1782

Laid a Road Begining at Thos Thurſtons Land runing Southerdly Eighty one rods on John Thurſtons Land on william Haſkell East Line til it Coms to Phnehas Hartwells Land so Runing on sd Hartwells til it Comes to a Certain Red oak tree mark on the Weſterdly Side then Turns South West on sd Hartwells Land thirteen Rods to a Town Road

The Town Voted to accept the above Deſcribd Road So far as the Red oak if Given

Daniel Putnam
oliver Stickne
Thos Hartwell
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk
} Seleck men for Fitchburg

Fitchburgh may the 9 1783 David maccentier herby notfys the Seleet men of the Town of Fitchburgh that he hath taken into his house Capt Samuel Bradford and marey his wife and two Children namely Debbe & faney who Came from hampſhier State Which we the Seleetmen of sd Town Refuse to admit as Inhabitents of sd Town

the ſaid Capt Bradford Came in to town the 28 Day of march 1783

Oliver Stickney, Thos Steans, John Thurſten Ju^{r} } Select meen for Fitchburgh

A True Coppey — Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[220] (Seal) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju^{r} Cunſtable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

Theſe are in the Name of the Common welth of the maſsachuſets Bay to will & requier you forth with to notify & warn all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the meeting house in s^{d} Town of Fitchburgh on Wenſday the 20 Day of this Inſtant march at one O Clock in the afternoon then and their being Duely meet and form'd to act on the following artcles that is

1^{ly} to Chose a moderator to Govern s^{d} meeting . . .

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will take Reſpecting the old paper money that remains un Collected and See whether the Town will axcept of the Report of their Committee Choſe to Estimate the value of the old paper money or vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper . . . . .

3^{ly} to See what method the Town will take to Raise Soldiers for the futter or vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper . . . . .

4^{ly} to Take under their Conſideration Capt Ruben Gibsons Request Conferning his note Given to mr Abraham Willard for fifty Buſhels of Ry or vote aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper . . . . .

5^{ly} to See whether the Town will Chuse a Committe to Settle with the Late Town Treaſurer mr Joſeph fox . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to Som one of us at or before the time above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this Sixth Day of march A D 1782

Thos Cowdin, Ephraim Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs—20th March 1782

By Virtue of this warrant I have warn'd all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & Place within mentioned

Phin. Sawyer Junr Conſtable
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[221] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburgh aſsembl'd march 20th 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1stly Voted and choſe Mr Daniel Putnam Moderator

2dly Voted not to accept the report of the Committee choſen by the town to Estimate the Value of the old Paper money

3dly Voted to Claſs to raiſe the 4 men now demanded for three years

4thly Voted to adjourn the 4th Article 'till the firſt Day of April reſpecting Capt Reuben Gibſon's request . .

5thly Voted to chuse a Committe to settle with Mr Fox late town treaſurer

6thly Voted and choſe Mr Phineas Hartwell, Mr Daniel Putnam & mr Phineas Sawyer Junr as a Committee to settle with the Town Treaſurer . . . . .

7ly Voted to adjourn this town meeting to the first monday of April next at three O'Clock in the afternoon at the meeting houſe in sd Town

pr Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

April first. 1782 the town met according to adjournment and the meeting open'd and proceeded to the buſineſs of the Town

8thly Voted to paſs over the fourth Article reſpecting Capt Gibson's request, and to have that article inſerted in the next warrant for a Town meeting . . . . .

9thly Voted and accepted of the Town's accounts as they stand settled by the Towns Committee, as they appear on the Towns Treaſurer's Book . . . . .

This meeting diſolv'd . . Daniel Putman Moderator

Thos. Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur one of the Cunſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth of the maſsachuſets you are herby Required to notify in Due Corſe of Law agreable to the Conſtitution the free holders & other Inhabitents qualified there by to vote for the officers here after mentned to aſsemble & meet at the meeting house in sd Town on monday the first day of april next at 2 o Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd . . .

1ly to Vote for a Governer . . . .

2ly for a Liut Governer . . . .

[222] 3ly for five Senators . . . .

4ly to See if the Town will Take notis of the Letter Sent from Hardwick Committe to the Sellect men Reſpecting Sending a Deligat to Worceſter to Conſider on the Greavencies the County of Worceſter Labors under or vote aney thing Refering there to as the Town Shall Think Proper . . . .

Here of faile not & make Return of this Warrent to ſome one of us with your Dowings there on at or before sd Day Given under our hands & Seale this fiftenth Day of march A D 1782

Thos Cowdin
Ephraim Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs frst of april 1782

by vertue of this warrant I have warnd the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to aſsemble and meet at the time & place & for the purpoſe with in mentned . . . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Cunſtabl

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled april the 1 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly Voted and Choſe his Exelency John Handcock Esq Governer of the Common welth Sixteen vots . . 16

2ly for the Honarable James Bodwine Esq . 3 vots
for the Honarable Samuel Holten Esq Liut Governer Seventeen vots . . . . . 17 vots
for the Honarable Thos Cufhen Esq Liut Governer . . . . . 7 vots

[223] 3ly Voted for five Senators that is for
Samuel Baker Esq . . . . . 21 vots
for Samuel Curties Esq . . . . . 21 vots
for the Honarable mofes Gill Esq . . . 16 vots
for Dr William Dinsmoor Esq . . . . . 17 vots
for Colo Seth Wafhburn . . . . . 16 vots
for Ifrael Nichols Esq . . . . . 11 vots
for Judge Dar Esq . . . . . 5 vots

A True Copy attest Select men for fitchburgh

Thos Cowdin
Ephraim Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

4ly Voted to Send a Deligat to meet the Convention to be held at Worcefter the 2 Tuefday of april Inftant

2ly Voted and Chofe mr David macentier to attend the Convention at Worcefter

Thos Cowdin
Ephm Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur one of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

Thefe are in the name of the Goverment and People of the State of Mafsachufetts Bay to will and requier you forthwith to notify the Free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by the new Conftitution to vote for a Repref entative to afsemble & meet at the meeting house in sd Fitchburgh on Thurfday the Sixteenth Day of may next at one O Clock in the afternoon to Elect & Depute a proper Perfon to Repref ent them in the Grate & General Coart to be Convend and held at the State house in Bofton on the Laft wendefday of may next or act aney thing there as they Shall think proper

Here of faile not & make Due return of this warrant with your Doings there on to to Som one of us at or before s[d] Day

Given under our hands and Seale this Twenty forth Day of april 1782

Thos Cowdin, oliver Stickne, Eph[m] Kimball } Selcet men for Fitchburg

[224] Worceſter ſs may the 14 1782

by Virtue of this warrant I have Warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the Time and place within mentned—

Phinehas Sawyer Ju[r] Conſtabl

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg aſsembled may the 16 1782 . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1[ly] Voted and Chose Cap[t] Thos Cowdin to Serve & Repreſent the Town of Fitchburgh in the Grate & Generall Coart & the said Capt Thos Cowdin herby orderd to attend the the Grate & General Coart to be held on the Laſt wensday of this Inſtant may— & then the Town meetng was Difolvd

Thos Cowdin, oliver Stickne, Eph[m] Kimball } Select men for Fitchburg

Tho[s] Cowdin Town Clerk

The Town of Fitchburgh voted the Reſolves of the Late Convention held at Worceſter april & may 16th 1782 be the Repreſentetive Inſtructions & the s[d] Repreſentetive Govern himSelf acordingly

(Seale) Worceſter ſs To Phinahas Sawyer Ju[r] one of the Cunſtabels for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are in the name of the Goverment and People of the Commonwelth of the Maſsechuſeets Bay to will and require you to notify and warne all the freeholders and other inhabitence of the Town of Fitchburgh, qualify'd by Law to aſsemble and meet at the Meeting houſe on

thurfday the Sixteenth day of May next at three O Clock in the afternoon then and thair to act on the following articals—

1ly To Chuse a moderator to Govarn sd meeting—

2ly To See what the Town will Do Concerning Capt Reuben Gibfons note he gave Abraham Willard for fifty Bufhels of Rye or act any thing there on as they shall think proper—

[225] 3ly To see whether the Town will except of the perfons names put into the jury Boxes for jury men or act any thing thair on as they shall think proper—

4ly To Take into Confideration what method the Town will think beft to Come into to pay thair Corn nots Given to the soldirs now in the pofeffion of other perfons or act any thing there on as they shall think proper—

5ly To see if the Town will appoint Som perfon to give Security in the Towns behalf for Debts which Can not be now setled by the Treafurer or act any thing thair as they shall think proper—

6ly To approve or Difaprove of the old Committee to hire soldires or act any thing their on as they shall think proper—

Hear off fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings there on to some one of us at or before the day above mentioned Given under our hands and seels this 26 Day of april A D 1782.

Worcefter fs May 14th 1782

by Virtue of the above Warrent I have warn'd the free holders and other inhabitence of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place above mention'd

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunftabl

Thos Cowdin, Olaver Stickney, Ephm Kimball } Select Men for Fitchburgh

[226] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of Town of Fitchburgh Afembled May the 16 1782 . . .

1ly Voted and Chofe Decon David Goodridge moderator . . . . .

2ly after hering Capt Ruben Gibson Request and the Debates there on Conferning a note the sd Capt Ruben Gibson Gave to Abraham Willard for 50 bufhels of Rye then the Town Voted that they Would not pay the sd note nor now parte of sd note Given for the 50 bufhels of Rye—

3ly Voted not to axcept of the Lift of Juremen but orderd a new Lift to be made out by the Select men

4ly Voted to pafs over the 4 artele in the Warrant

5ly Voted that the Town Treafurer Give notes of hand in behalf of the Town upon Intrest for Dets Due & to perfons that have Got the Towns notes in their hand not upon Intreft . . . . .

6ly Voted and Difmist the Committe that was Chofe to hier Coantinantell Solders

This Town meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcefter fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur one of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

you are herby Requird in the name of the Goverment and people of the Common welth of the mafsechufets Bay to notify and warne all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to afsemble & meet at the meeting house on fryday the 23 Day of this Inftant august at 2 O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the following arteles . . .

1ly to Chufe a moderator to Govern sd meeting . . .

2ly To See what method the Town will take in Refpect or or Regard of the Towns being Sud by James Danforth for a note the Select meen gave sd Danforth for a number of Bufhels of Corn or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

[227] 3ly to See if the Town will take aney noties of the Siculer leters Sent to the Town by the Generall Coart or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

4ly to See if the Town will Give the Colectors or Cunftable aney further orders Refpecting the Remaindor of the moneys that Remains in their hands or Give the Town

Treaſurer aney further orders as to Collecting the Remander of the money that is Stil un Collected . . . . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warent to Som one of us the Subſcribers at or before the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands & Seale this Eighth Day of auguſt and in the Seventh year of our Independanc A D 1782

Thos Cowdin } Select meen
oliver Stickne } for
Ephᵐ Kimball } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs auguſt the 19 1782

by vartue of this warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to aſemble and meet at the time and place and for the purpoſes within mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Juʳ Cunſtable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled auguſt the 23 1782 . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly voted and Choſe mr Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2ly voted that thoſe perſons that are indeted to the Colectors may pay their taxes In beſe to Defray the Corn note Given to James Danforth (or other neet Catle)

3ly voted that the Select men notify mr Ephᵐ farebanks the Reaſon that the Town hath not aſsed the Tax which he the sᵈ farebank was Defird to Collect by Signing a Leter Seting forth the Reaſon of the Delay . . . . .

4ly voted that their be Given to the Collectors one weke from this Day to Collect money or Catle to Defray the Towns Debts: then if those perſons will not make payment—then the Colectors or Cunſtables are orderd to make Diſtreſs with out Delay

This Town meeting Diſolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[228] (Seal) Worceſter ſs.

To Mr Phinehas Sawyer Junr one of the Conſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting—In the name of the

Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts You are hereby order'd in due Courſe of Law to Notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by law to Vote in Town Meetings to Aſsemble & meet at the Meeting houſe in sd Town on Monday the Sixteenth Day of this Inſtant September at one O'Clock in the Afternoon then & there being duly met & form'd to Act on the following Articles—Viz—

1st To Chooſe a Moderator to Govern sd Meeting

2dly To See What method the Town Will take to Support the Revd Mr Payſon the year enſuing or vote any thing referring thereto as they Shall think propper—

3dly To ſee what method the Town will take to ſupport the Poor or Vote any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

4thly To ſee what method the Town will take to provide Schools or Vote any referring thereto as they ſhall think proper—

5thly To ſee what Sum or Sums of Money the town will raiſe to defray Town Charges or Vote any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

6thly To ſee if the Town will allow ſuch accounts as ſhall be laid before them for services done for sd town

7thly To ſee what method the town will take to Supply th Revd Mr Payſon oth Wood or Vote any thing theron as they Shall think proper

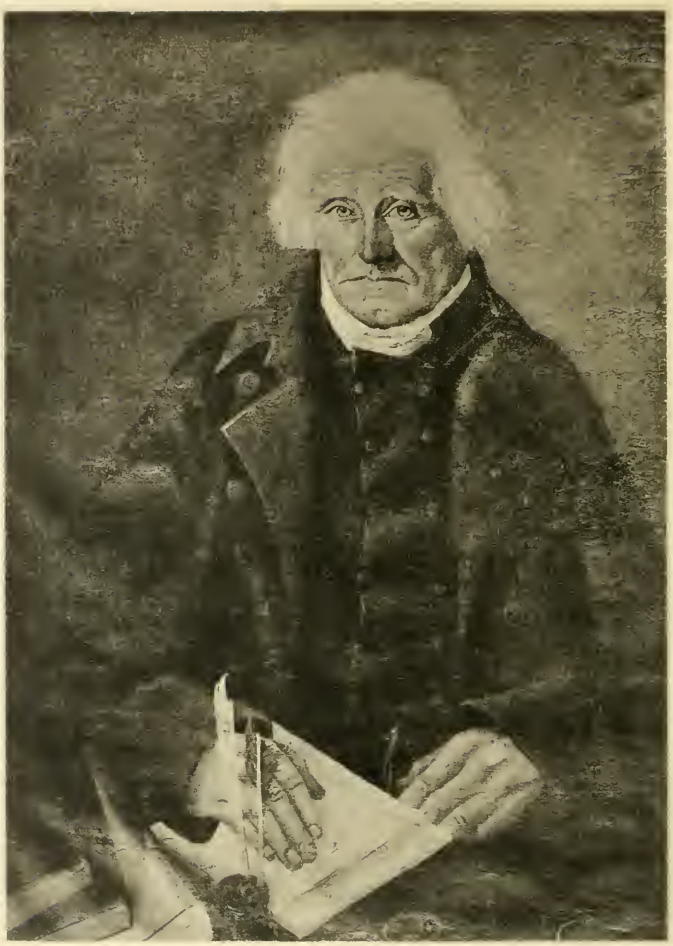
Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant to ſome one of Us at or before the Day above mentioned Given Under our hands & Seal this Second Day of September A D: 1782— & in the Seventh Year of the Independance of America

Thos Cowdin, Oliver Stikney, Ephm Kimball } Selectmen for Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs September 9th 1782

By Virtue of this Warrant I have warn'd all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to aſsemble and meet at the time & Place & for the Purpoſes within mentioned

P. Sawyer Junr Conſtable



Joseph Fox

[229] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled September the 16—1782—
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly—Voted and Chose Mr Daniel Putnam Moderator

2ly—Voted to Raise One Hundred Pounds in filver Money or Produse as it was raisd last Year to pay the Revd Mr Payson his Sallery . . . . . £100,, –,,–

3dly—Voted—to Raise £12 to pay Thos Starns to fupport Mrs Hart one whole Year & fo in proportion . . . . . 12,, –,,–

4ly—Voted—to Raise—Sixty pounds to provide Schools . . . . . 60,, –,,–

5ly—Voted—to have Six Men for School Committe—

6ly—Voted—& Chose Joseph Fox Esqr—Mr Thomas Stearns—Mr David McIntire Mr Ebenr Bridge—Mr David Parce and Mr John Putnam for sd Committee—

7ly Voted each Quarter of the Town have thier proportion of the fchool Money and lay sd money out as the Committe fhall think Propper for the benifit of the fchool—

8ly Voted not to Raise any Money on the 5th Article in the Warrent—

9ly Voted and alowd Daniel farwell his a Count £6 8

Voted to allow—Thos Hartwell his Acco^{t} 3,,15,,–

Voted & allowd—Capt Saml Burbanks Acco^{t} . . . . . ,,16,,2

Voted & allowd—David Mcs Intires Acco^{t} . 2,,14,,–

Voted & allowd—Kindal Boutells Acco^{t} . ,, 6,,–

Voted & allowd— Do —— do . . ,, 7,,–

Voted & allowd—Joseph Downs Acco^{t} . . ,, 8,,–

Voted & allowd—Saml Harris do . . . ,, 4,,–

Voted & allow'd—Jacob Fullams do . . . ,, 4,,–

Voted & allowd—John Osborns do . . . ,, 8,,–

Voted & allowd—Jefse Frenchs do . . . ,, 7,,–

Voted & allowd—Hezk Hodgkins do . . . 1,, 4,,6

Voted & allow'd—David Goodells do . . . ,,16,,6

Voted & allow'd—Jno Farwells do . . . ,, 8,,4

Voted & allowd—Jn° Carters	d° . . .	,,	6,,–
Voted & allowd—Thos Cowdin Junr	d° . .	,,	4,,–
Voted & allowd—Joseph & Eleazr Baldwins Accot	. . . . .	,,	8,,–
Voted & allowd—D. S. Locke	D°	,,	10,,4
Voted & allowd—Thomas Cowdins	d° . .	3,,	8,,4

Carrd forward—

[230] Brot forward	. . . . . £	,,	,,
Voted and Allow'd Thos Stearns Accot	. .	,,	2,,–
Voted & allowd—James Pools	d°	,,	3,,–
Voted & allowd—Oliver Stickney	. . . .	,,	4,,–
Voted & allowd—Danl Harris	. . . . .	,,	4,,–
Voted & allowd—Deacon Thirston an Accot due to Abijah Page for Boarding Sewil Harrington	. . . . .	2,,	2,,8
Voted & Allowd—Elijah Garfields Accot	.	1,,	6,,8
Voted & Allowd—Wm Danforths—	d° .	,,	2,,–
10ly Voted to allow Capt Jona Wood for providing Thirty Chords Good Wood & deliver the same At the Revd Mr Paysons Dwelling House	. . . . .	8,,	–,,–

This Town Meeting Disolved—

Danl Putnam Moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur one of The Cunſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Goverment & People of this Common welth you are herby Requierd to notify and warn all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to aſemble and meet at the meetinghouse in sd Town on thurſday the twenty ſixth Day of this Inſtant December at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the folowing artcles that is . .

1ly to Chueſe a moderator to Govern sd meeting

2ly to See what method the Town will take Reſpecting the forth Claſs that was Deficant in hiring a Contnantel Solder & as the Grate and Generall Coart hath Relin-

quished the fine as will apeare by their Reſolvs of october 7 1782 or act aney thing Refering to Either of the foure Claſes as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3ly to See if the Town will pay mr Samuel Herrick Six Dolars for his Expences for Stoping three Rits which was Drawn a Gainst the Town for what was his Due from the Town upon James Danforths note & other Ritings sd Herrick had a gainst fd town which the Select men promist to pay—provided fd Herrick would Stope sd Sute

[231] 4ly to See what method the Town will take Reſpecting mr Jonas Kindall being over taxt or vote any thing there on as they Shall think think proper . . .

5ly to See if the Town will Chueſe wardens a Cording to the late act of the Generall Coarts—or vote aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to ſome one of us at or before the Time above mentnid—Given under our hands & Seale this tenth Day of December A D 1782 and in the ſeventh year of the Independanc of america

Thos Cowdin, Oliver Stickney, Ephm Kimball } Select men for Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs December the 19 1782 . . .

by Vartue of this warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to aſsemble & meet at the Time and Place within mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunſtable

at a legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſembled December the 26 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly voted and Chose mr Daniel Putnam moderator

2 voted to paſs over the third artcle in the warrant for yc preſent

3d Voted to paſs over fourth Article for the preſent

4th Voted that the Aſseſsors go & view Mr Jonas Kindalls land and improvments that lies in the Town of

Fitchburgh & make ſuch alterations as they shall think proper in the Valuation in order to ſee that s^d^ Kindall Hath Juſtice done him as to his Taxes

5th Voted and Choſe Mr Wm Brown & Lieu^t^ Kindall Bowtwell Wardens

6th Voted and adjourn'd this meeting 'till the ſecond day of January 1783 at one O'Clock P. M. . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[232] 1783

January 2^d^ The Town met according to their adjournment and open'd the meeting and proceeded to act on the other Articles not acted upon mentioned in the Warrant

7th Voted that M^r^ Joſeph Phelps return the liſt given to him to Collect a fine laid on the fourth Claſs for not procuring their Soldier as order'd by the General Court to ſerve for 3 years in the Continental Army . . . .

8th Voted to raiſe one hundred & Eighty Six Pounds Six Shillings to be Aſseſsed upon the Inhabitants of s^d^ Town in order to pay the 3 men raiſ'd to Serve in the Continental Army for 3 years being the laſt demand the General Court made for men on s^d^ Town

9th voted that Each perſon that hath paid his money tow ward hiring the laſt three years men be alow'd to Draw back what is over & above their proportion — — this voted and accepted by the Town—

10 voted and ordred that the aſſeſsors make the Tax to pay the laſt three years men with out Delay & that the Tax be made Seperate from aney other Tax

11th voted not to pay m^r^ Samuel Herrick aney Coſt for Stoping the three writs mentioned in the Warrant

The Town meeting Diſolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Janeuery 6th 1783 we the Select men of the Town of Fitchburgh having taken into our Sereas Conſideration the ſtate and ſircumſtanſes of Luke oldridge and his wife and Children, namely luke and lyda and Joſeph and Sarah who

Came from leominſter last who are under poore ſircon-ſtanſes that we Cant admitt of their being inhabitents which we Caused to be warnd out

Fitchburgh Janeuery 7th 1783

Thos Cowdin } Select men
Ephm Kimball } for Fitchburgh

[233] (Seale) Worceſter ſs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur one of the Cunſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

Theſe are in the name of the Common welth of the maſsachuſeets bay to will and Require you forthwith to notify and warne the free holders & other inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to aſsemble and meet at the meeting house in sd Fitchburgh on monday the third Day of march next att nine o Clock in the foure noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles that is

1ly to Chuſe a moderator to Govern sd meeting . . .

2ly to Chuſe Select meen and other Town oficers for the year Inſuing as the law Directs . . . . .

3ly to axcept of aney Town Roads or high ways that have bin Laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

4ly to See what Sum or Sumes of money the Town will raise to Keep the high ways in Repare and See what method it Shall be workt out the year inſuing or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

5ly to See who will take mrs Hart and Suport her the year Inſuing and for what ſum of money . . .

6ly to See if the Town will abate aney perſons Rates on aney list Committed to aney Cunſtable or Colector or aney part there of . . . . .

7ly to See if the Town will permit the Swine to Go at large the the year inſuing under the Regelations of the law . . . . .

8ly to See if the Town will allow aney a Counts that Shall be laid before them for Servis for sd town . . . .

Here of faile not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to Sume one of us at or

before s[d] Day Given under our hands and Seale this Eleventh Day of Febuery A D 1783

oliver Stickne, Eph[m] Kimball } Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs Febuery the 24 1783—by Virtue of this warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Ju[r] Cunſtable

[234] at a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled march the 3 1783

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1[ly] voted and Choſe Decon David Goodridge moderator . . . . . moderator

2[ly] voted to Chuse three Select men for the year Inſuing

3[ly] voted and Choſe mr oliver Stickne & Thomas Stearns & John Thurſton . . . . . Select men

4[ly] voted that the Select men be the aſſesors the year Insuing . . . . . aſſesors

5[ly] voted and Choſe Thos Cowdin Town Clerk and Town Treaſurer . . . . Town Clerk & Town Treaſurer

6[ly] voted and Choſe mr Abel Baldwine Cunſtable for the South Side of the Town . . . . . Cunſtable and axepted of Capt Samuel Burbank in abel Baldwines Rume . . . . . Capt Burbant in his Rume

7[ly] voted and Choſe mr David macentier Cunſtable for the north Side and upon an ajurnment voted and acpted of Capt Thos Hartwell to Serve Cunſtable in David maccenters Rume for the north Side of the Town . . Cunſtable for the north Side

8[ly] voted and Choſe mr William Brown & mr Kindall Boutall wardens for the s[d] Town . . . . . Wardens

9[ly] voted and Choſe Thos Cowdin Jur and m[r] Joſeph Wheler Tithenmen . . . . . Tithen men

10[ly] voted and Choſe mr Hezekiah Hodgkins and aſa Perrey and Thos Cowdin Ju[r] and mr Jacob upton and

mr Ruben Smith and William Grimes and Mr James Poole and mr Abraham Jaquith and oliver Brown Survaers of high ways . . . . . Survaers of high ways

11ly voted and Chofe David Whitne and Samuel Darby and Elijah Phelps hog Reves . . . . . hog Reves

12ly voted and Chofe Jofhua Parce and Samuel Downe fiere wards . . . . . fier wards

13ly voted and Chofe Daniel Putnam Survaer of Clabords & Shingels . . . Survaer of Clabords & Shingels

[235] 14ly voted and Chofe Capt Jonathan Wood Survare of hups and Staves . . . . . hups & Staves

15ly voted and Chofe David Parce Sealer of Waits and mefhers . . . . . waits & mefhers

16ly voted Afa Perr and Jofhue Parce fense vuers . . fens vuers

17ly voted Raise one hundred pounds to mend and keep in Repare the high ways and bridges the year Infuing . . . . . £100 —

and that those that Did not work out their high way tax last years Deficency aded ot the prefent years high way tax or pay in money what is be hind or Remains Due, and the list is to be Ruturnd by the high way Sevares with the Credit on sd list of Each perfon by the 20 Day of october next . . . .

and that the high way tax Shall be workt out as it was in the year 1774 . . . . . £14–14–0

18ly voted that the Town pay Liut Kindall Boutall forty nine Dolars to Suport mrs Hart one whole year and so in proportion if fhe fhould not live the year out . . 49 Dolars

19ly voted that the Swine Run at large being under the Regolation of the law the year Infuing . . . .

20ly voted and alowd Phineas Sawyer Jun his a Count which is 0–19–4

voted and alowd Samuel Davis a Count . . . 1– 4–0

voted and alowd Ephm Kimball his a Count . 3–16–0

voted and alowd oliver Stickney his a Count . 3–12–0

voted and alowd John Thurfton his a Count . 3– 8–0

voted and alowd Decon Goodridge his a Count 3 11 0

voted and alowd James Poole his a Count . . 1 00 0

21ly voted and axcepted of a Road laid out for noah wizwell land til it Coms to the County Rode and axcepted by the Town if the land is Given by those perſons that own the land namely mr Nathaniel Wrights . . .

and Thos Cowdins land til the two Rod Rode Striks the County Rode and the trees markt on the Easterdly ſide of ſaid Road . . . .

then the Town Came to a vote and a jurnd the Town meeting til the 17 of this Inſtant march

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

the Remainder of the Town meeting you will find in page 237 for want of Rum

[**236**] (Seal) Worceſter ſs To mr Samuel Burbank one of the Cunſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth of the maſsachuſets bay you are herby requierd to notify in Due Corse of Law agreable to the Conſtitution the free holders & other Inhabitents Qualiſied by the Conſtitution to vote for the officers hereafter mentned to aſsemble & meet at the meeting house in sd Town on the first monday in april next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd . . . . .

firstly to vote for a Governer

2ly for a Liut Governer

3ly for five Senoters

and forthly to Chuse a Committe to Setle with the Town Treaſurer . . . Here of faile not and make Return of this Warrant to Some one of us with your Dowings there on at or before the sd Day Given under our hands & Seale this Eighteenth Day of march A D 1783 . . .

oliver Stickne } Select men
Thos Stearns } for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In obediane to the Within Warrant I have notifyd & warnd the free holders and other Inhabi-

tents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time & place agreable to the Within Warrant . . .

Fitchburgh april 7 1783

Samuel Burbank Cunſtable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town o Fitchburgh aſembled april the Seventh 1783

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

firſtly voted and Choſe his Exelency John Handcock Goverer by the number of votes therty ſeven . . 37

voted and Choſe his honer Thoˢ Cushen Liut Govrner the noumber of votees 31

and one vote for the honarable James Bodwine Esq . . . . . 1 vote

and for five Senetors—that is the Honˡ moſes Gill Esq 9

for the Hor Samuel Baker Esq 9

for the Honˡ Ifreal Nichols Esq 9

for mr Will Page hardwick 9

for Samuel Curtic Esq 9

[237] then proced a Cording to the warrant and Choſe Joſeph Fox Esq and mr Phinehas Hartwell to be a Committe to Setle with the Town Treaſurer then Deſolvd the Town meeting

oliver Stickne moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

march 17th 1783 the Town meet a Cording to their ajurnment and proſeded to yᵉ biſnes of the Day

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

22ly voted and Dismiſt Daniel Putnam from his being Choſe one of the Select men and an aſſesor . . . .

23ly voted and axcepted of Capt Samuel Burbank to Serve Cunſtable and Collector in mr Abel Baldwines Rume

then the Town voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the first monday in april at 2 o Clock in the after noon—

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

april the 7 1783 the Town meet acording to their ajurnment and opend the meeting and proceded to the biſnes of the Day

24ly voted and Choſe Samuel Herrick Cunſtable for the north Side of the town which was afterwards Diſmist by the town by Reaſon of mr David makentier hiring Capt Thos Hartwell to ſerve in his Rume . . . .

then the Town a jurnd the Town meeting til the 16 Day of may at 2 o Clock in the after noon.

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

May 16 1783 the Town meet acording to their ajurnment and proceded to the biſnes of the Day . . .

25ly voted and axcepted of Capt Thos Hartwell to Serve Cunſtable and Collector for the north Side of the Town in the Rume of David macentier which was Diſmist by his hiring the afore ſaid Thos Hartwell in his Rume which was Sworen into the office of Cunſtable & Colector for the year Inſuing—then the meeting was Diſolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[238] (Sl) Worceſter ſs To Capt Samuel Burbank one of Cunſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth you are Requierd forth with in Due Coarſe of law to notify and warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by the Conſtitution to vote for a Repreſentative to a Semble and meet at the meeting houſe on fryday the Sixtenth Day of may next at one o Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to Chuſe Som meet perſon if they think fit to Repreſent them in the Grate and Generall Coart the year Inſuing

Then to proced a Cording to ſome other matters which are herafter mentned in fd warant Relating to other town matter

1ly to Chuſe a moderator Regolate the last Claws of the warrant

2ly to See if the town will provide ſtocks and Scales and waits for the youse of the Town

3ly to ſee what method the Town will Do in Reſpect

to their being Sud by Benjiman Larranc or act aney thing Refering ther to as they ſhall think proper—

4ly to ſee what the Town will Do Reſpecting the poore

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to ſome one of us at or before the Day above mentnd given under our hands and Seale This 28 Day of april 1783

oliver Stiekne
Thos Stearns
John Thurſton
} Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs may the 16 1783

In obediane to the within warrant I have notifyd and warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents to aſemble and meet at the time and place mentined in the warrant

Samuel Burbank Cunſtable

at a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh aſsembled may the 16 1783

[239] Then after the warrants being Red the Town being ast the question whether they would ſend a Repreſentative the year Inſuing it was voted that they would Send . . . . .

and a Cordingly proceded to a Choyse—

and brot in their votes and made Choyse of Capt Thos Cowdin to Repreſent the sd Town in the Grate and General Coart the year Inſuing . . . and also voted to Give their Repreſentativ their Inſtructions and then Diſolvd the meeting

Thos Cowdin Towin Clerk

Then proceded to act on the other arteles mentned in the warrant

1ly voted and Choſe Daniel Putnam moderator . moderator

2ly voted that the Town are provided with a Good Beame and a Set of Good Seeld waits . . . Seald waits

3ly voted to provide a Sect of good Stoks and voted that the Stoks be let out lowest bider

4ly and a Cording ly they ware let out to Capt Thos Cowdin the wood work only for 6/

5ly voted and Chofe a Committe to Defend the Law Sute betwene the Town and Benjiman Larranc

6ly Chofe mr Elijah Gafield & Phinehas Sawyer Jur be a Committee to a pear and Defend the Town a Gainst fd larane to final Judgment and Execution and the fd Committe are herb impowerd to proced in the law to as far as they Shall think proper for the Towns Intrest

This meeting Difolvd

Daniel Putnam moderator
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

*A Two Rod Road

Fitchburgh March the 1 1783

The Selectmen apointed us a Committy to lay out a Road for the Conveanancy of us whofe Names are under ritten and we have laid it out in the following manner. Beginning at the South Part of Mr Farwell and Mr Page and running North, Betwene them till it comes to Land of Doct Martin Herrick, thence Nor weft Acroft a corner of sd Herricks Land, and the bounds are trees marked on the North Eaft Side of the Road, and then running Acroft Benjaman Herreks Land Weftterly, till it comes to Land of Jofeph Venens and trees Marked on the North Side thence Running north by Land of Said Benjamans upon Land of sd Venens till it Comes to Land of Ephm Howards runing still by Benjamin Herricks Land and on Ephm Howard, till it comes to Land of Elijah Willards thence Running a Croft sd Elijah's Land till it Comes to Land of Daniel Willards; the Road marked on Eaft Side, then running North acroft Daniel Willard land to Afhby line, and the Marks on the Eaft Side of the way the road

Turn Over

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*First location road now known as Ashby West Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

[240] two Rods wide which we offer for the Towns Exceptence. Excepted thif Road if the Land be Given for the youse of the Inhabitance of s[d] Town

Joſeph Vennen
Simeon Chattuck
Daniel Willard
Ephraim Howard
Benjaman Herrick
Elijah Willard
Committe apoynted by the Select men

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worceſter ſs to Thomas Hartwell one of the Cunſtables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

in the name of the Common welth of the maſsechuſets you are herby orderd in Due Corſe of law to notify and warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to aſsemble and meet at the meeting house in s[d] Town on tuesday the Sixteenth Day of September next 1783 at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles that is

1[ly] Chuſe a moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2[ly] to See what Sum of money the Town will Raise for the Revrant mr Paysons Salery for the preſent year or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . .

3[ly] to See what Sum of money the Town will Raise to Suport a Scoole or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper

4[ly] to Raise money to Suport mrs Hart . . . .

5[ly] to See what method the Town will take to Git wood for mr Payson the year Inſuing . . . .

6[ly] to See if the Town will allow Sueh a Counts as Shall be laid before them for Servſes Dun for s[d] Town

7[ly] to See what the Town will do Reſpecting the Scool land Sold by Lunenburgh or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . .

8[ly] to See if the Town will abate aney perſons Rates in aney list or liſts in aney Cunſtable or Colectors hands or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . .

9ly to See if the Town will aprove or Dif aprove of a Road from mr William Grimes to mr Jacob Gibfons and turning from sd Gibfons to perleys land or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper . . . . .

[241] 10ly to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raife to Defray Town Charges or act aney thing Thereon as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings ther one to Some one of us at or before the sd Day Given under our hands and Seale at Fitchburgh the 1 Day of September A D 1783 . . . . .

oliver Stickne, Thos Stearns, John Thurfton } Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs September the 15 1783

In obediane to the within warrant I have Notifyd the Inhabitents of sd Town qualifyd by law to act in Town meetings to meet at time and place

Thomas Hartwell Cunſtable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburh aſsembled September the 16 1783

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1ly voted and Choſe Phinehas Sawyer Jur moderator

2ly voted to Raiſe Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shilings & foure pene to pay the Revrant mr John Paysons Salery the Preſent year £66-13-4

3ly voted to Raiſe forty pounds to Suport a Scoole the year Inſuing 40-0-0

4ly voted that Each quarter of the Town Draw their proportan or part of the Scool money—and that no quarter of the Town be intitled to aney part of the Scool money til they have Expended their part by laying sd money out in Scooling their Children . . . . .

5ly voted and Choſe Joſeph fox Esq. Liut Paul Wetherby & Phinehas Sawyer Jur & amos Ordway & aſa Perrey & Ruben Gibſon Jun be a Committe to provide a Scool marſter or marſters . . . . .

6ly voted to Raiſe forty nine Dolars to Suport mrs hart one whole year & so in proportion for a leſs tarme £14-14-0

[242] 7ly voted that mr Paysons wood be Sot up at a vandue and and that the lowest bider provide the wood and Deliver thirty Coards of Good Wood at the Dower of the Revrant mr Paysons house for the year Inſuing . . . .

8ly voted to alow Iſaac Holden his a Count and others 6/6

voted to alow Aſeph Goodridge his a Count . . 9/

voted to alow William Brown his a Count . . 1 10-0

voted to alow oliver Stickne his a Count . . . 0- 2-0

voted to alow Phinehas Sawyer Jur his a Count 0-14-0

voted to alow Thomas Stearns his a Count . . 0-13-7

voted to alow Thomas Stearns a nother a Count 0- 9-0

voted to alow Joſhua Parc his a Count 2- 4-0

voted to alow William Brown a nother a Count 1- 8-0

voted to alow Elijah Gaſield his a Count . . . 5- 3-6

voted to alow William Tidmaſh his a Count . . 1- 1-4

voted to alow Phinehas Hartwell his a Count . 0-16-0

voted to alow Capt Jonathan Wood his a Count 1- 1-0

voted to alow Thomas Cowdin his a Count . . 6 15-0

voted to alow Joſeph fox Esq his a Count . . . 0 13-6

voted to alow John Thurſten his a Count . . . 0 16-0

24 2 5

9ly voted and Choſe Thomas Cowdin and Phinehas Hartwell to be a Committe to Sarch the Records in the proprietors book Reſpecting the Scool lands—& and also the Records in the Town Book of Lunenburge and take a teſted Coppes of the Records - to now what purpos those lands was Granted for and to See if the Town of Fitchburgh had aney Right to those Lands or land and also the ſaid Committe are impowerd to Setle with Lunenburgh or to proſecute to final Judgment

10ly voted to abate John Whelers Rates in Daniel farwills lists which is for the year 1780 whis is . 2-18 3 hard money

also to a bate William Eatons tax which is 1-18-8

also to a bate Robert Hills tax which is . 0 11-6

also to a bate Silos Browns which is . . 0- 7 5 0
also to abate William Stewards tax in Phinehas Sawyer Lift which is 1-11-6
then a motion was made & Seconded to a Jurn the meeting til the third Tuefday of october next & the Town meeting was aJurnd a Cordingly . . . . .

Thos Cowdin T Clerk

[243] october the 21 1783 The Town meet aCording to fd ajurnment and the Town Clerk being abfent a motion was made and Seconded to ajurn fd Town meeting Tuefday the 28 Day of this Inftant october at one oClock in the after noon at this place . . . The meeting is ajurnd a Cordingly . . . . .

oliver Stickne
Thomas Stearns } Select men for Fitchburg

October the 21 1783 the Town meet a Cording to their a Jurnment and opend the meeting and proceded to the work of the Day . . . . .

11ly voted to a bate John uptons taxes in Phinehas Hartwells list which is 1- 8-9
voted and a bated Nahum Darbyes tax which is 1-18-8
voted and a bated Daniel Darbys tax which is . 1-18-8

12ly voted to Rafe thirty pounds to Defray Town Charges 30-0-0

13ly voted to pay Nehemiah fuller five pounds Seventeen Shilings to provide thirty Coards of Good wood and Deliver the wood at mr John Paysons Dwilling House the wood is to be to the Exceptance of the Revrant mr John Payson 5-17-0

Fitchburgh Septembr the 16 1783 then Reend with the Town Treafurer

14ly voted and Excepted of the Town Treafurers a Counts as they ftand by the Towns Committe we find Due in Jonathan Holts hands Cunftable for the year 1778 . . . . . £5-13-6-3

we find in James Paterfons hands Cunftable for the yeare 1779 hard money 1 12-2-1

In Phinhas Hartwells Cunſtable for the year 1780 Town Tax hard money . . . . . 46–13– 6 –

In Phinehas Hartwells hands miniſter Tax for the year 1780 . . . . . 20–15– 8–3

In Daniel farwells hands Cunſtable for the year 1780 Town Tax 68–18– 1–3

In Capt Rubin Gibſons hands Colector for the year 1781 Town tax . . . . . 169–13– 4 –

we also find in ſ^d^ Gibſons minister Tax for 1781 . . 34– 9– 5–2

In Capt Samuel Burbanks Collector for the year 1781 Town Tax 36–12– 7–3

we also find in ſ^d^ Burbanks hands miniſter tax for the year 1781 . . . . . 11– 1– 7 –

In Capt Samuel Burbanks Colector for the year 1782 Town Tax . . . . . 36–15– 5 –

we also find in ſ^d^ Burbanks hands miniſter tax 1782 . . 50–15– 6 –

In Joſeph Phelps hands Colector for the year Town tax 1782 . . . . . 35– 4– 9 –

we also find in ſ^d^ Phelpes hands miniſter tax for 1782 49– 4– 6 –

[244] In Capt Samuel Burbanks hands Colector for the year 1782 Soldiers tax £90–16– 0–2

In Joſeph Phelpes hands Colector for the year 1782 Soldiers tax 89–19–11–3

we find in the Treaſurers hand a State Receipt which Phinehas Hartwell is a Countable for to the Town Dated april 28–1781 & is due on ſ^d^ Receipt in hard moneys . . . 51–14– 1 –

we find one note against Capt Ruben Gibſon in hard money 3–12– 0

we find one note against Capt Samuel Burbank in hard money 3–12– 0

we find one State Treaſurers Receipte the Towns property a gainst Capt Samuel Burbant Dated June 13th 1782 . . . . . 125–14– 8

we find one States Treaſurers Receipt the Towns property against Capt Ruben Gibſon Dated June 14 1782 . . . 32–18– 6

we find a note find by francis Fullam Dated December the 31 1772 for 2:20– 3

We also find that the Treafurer hath paid over and above what he thath Receivd which he is to be allowd for . . . . . 80=16=8

we find a note a Gainst Capt Samuel Burbank Dated march 17th 1782 for 3–12– 0

we find a note a Gainst Capt Thos Hartwell Dated may 16 1783 for 3–12– 0

Phinehas Hartwell } Committte
Joſeph Fox } a pointed
Thomas Stearns } to Setle with
John Thurſton } the Treafur

The Town meeting Diſolvd

Phinehas Sawyer Jur moderator
Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[245] (Seale) Worceſter ſs To Thomas Hartwell Cunſtable for the town of Fitchburgh—Greeting—in the name of the Common Wealth of the maſsachuſetts you are herby required in Due Coarse of law to notify & warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of sd Town qualifyd to vote in town meetings to aſemble and meet at the meeting house in sd Town on monday the fifth Day of Janeuery next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing articles . . . .

1ly to Choose a moderator to Govern sd meeting . .

2ly to See what method the Town will take to Raise the firſt the firſt moyety of the Continantel Tax that hath bin omitted by the sd Town or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3ly to See if the Town will allow Capt Samuel Burbank Six Shiling pr Buſhel for Rye that the Town promis'd for his for Suporting mrs hart for one year or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile note and make Returen of this warrant with your Dowing there on to ſum one of us at or before

the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seale this ninteenth Day of December 1783

oliver Stickney, Thos Stearns } Select men for Fitchburgh

Worceſter ſs Fitchburgh Janeuery 5th 1784 in obediane to the wart I have notifyd and warnd the Inhabitents of sd Town qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to meet at time and place within mentned

Thos Hartwell Cunſtable

[246] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh a fembled Janeuery the 5 1784

Thos Cowdin T Clerk

1ly voted and Choſe Deacon David Goodridge moderator

2ly voted by the Town of Fitchburgh to Raiſe foure hundred and Seventy foure pounds thirteen Shilings and foure pene being their proportion of the firſt moyety of the Contenantel tax Granted by the Grate and Generall Coart at there Seſion in may 29 1782 . . . £474:13:4

3ly voted to alow Capt Samuel Burbank Six Shilings pr Buſhel for Rye the Town promiſed to pay him for Keeping mrs Hart one whole yeare whis is forty Buſhels of Rye . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

This meeting Diſolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(seal) Worceſter ſs To Thomas Hartwell one of the Constabls of the town of Fitchburg in said County . . . Greeting . . . . .

Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts to will & Require you forth with to Notify & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of Fitchburg Quallified By Law to vote in town meetings to Aſsemble and meat at the meeting Houſe in sd town on

Monday the first Day of march Next at Nine O Clock in the morning then & their Being Duly meet & to act on the following articles to wit . . . . .

1ſt to Chooſe A Moderator to Govern sd meeting . .

2ly to Choose Selectmen & other town officers for the year Enſuing as the Law Directs or act theiron as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3ly to See if the town accept of any Roads or Highways that have Been Laid out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing their on as they Shall think proper

4ly to See what Sum or Sums of money the town will Raiſe to keep the Highways in Repair and See in what method the Same Shall be worked out the Enſuing year . . . .

5ly to see who will take Miſs Hart & for what Sum of money they will Support Her the year Enſuing

[247] 6ly to See if the town will vote the Swine to go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the year Enſuing . . . .

7ly to See if the Town will allow any accompt for Service Done for Said town

8ly to See if the Town will take up the Seets in the front Garlley & make them into Pews for the uſe of the Singers or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . . .

9ly to See if the Town will Repair the Glaſs in the meeting House or not

oliver Stickney
Thomas Stearns
John Thurston Jur
} Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter Ss febuary ye 28 1784

In obedince to the within warrant I have Notified and worned all the freholders & other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place with in Named

Thomas Hartwell Constable

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburg Aſsembled March the first 1784

1st voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2ly voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell firſt Select man oliver Stickney the second Thomas Starns the third . . . . . } Select men & afſeſsors

3ly voted that the Selectmen be the affesors for the year Enſuing . . . . . }

4ly voted & Chooſe Phinc Hartwell Town Clark . . Town Clark

5ly votd & Choose Phinc Hartwell Town Treafurer . . Town Treaſurer

6ly voted & Chooſe Dea David Goodridge Constable for the South Side of the Town }

7ly voted and Chooſe Joſep Polley Conſtable for the North Side of the Town } Constables

8ly voted & Choose Joseph Sawyer & John Goodridge to be wardans . . . . . wardains

9ly voted & Chooſe Aſeph Goodridge & David Parce tything men . . . . . Tything men

10ly voted & Chooſe Hezekiah Hodgkins & Capt Saml Burbank & Joſeph Sawyer & Jonathan Ruſsel & Daniel Putnum & Thomas Hilton & Luet Kendel Boutell & Jonathan flint & Leut Seth Phillips & william Hafkell to be Survayours of High ways the year inſuing . . . . High way Survayrs

11ly voted that the Survoyrs be Directed to work out the Highway taxes in the following manner viz to have Each perſon on the Spot be allowed four pence for every Hour that he faithfully works & thoſe Survyours that are Called to aſsiſt on the County Road are to allow their Hands each perſon Sutable time for their travle to the place appontd to work thoſe that are taken from their own Deſtriet . . . . .

Be allow for a yoak of oxen a Hole Day 2/ & for a Cart 1/ for a Plough one Shilling & Six pence for a Day

[248] And all Perſons that Dont work out their High way Rate shall be obliged to Pay the Remainder to the Collector or Collectors in money and the Highway Survayours are ordred to Return a Liſt of all Deliquant persons to the afſeſsors that hant workt out there High

way tax By the first of october next & the aſsesſors are Directed to aſsesſ all Perſons that have not workt out there Highway tax viz what Remains not workt that is the aſsesſors are to aſsesſ what Remains on the Next town tax & that the money be Laid out in mending & Repairing the Highway and Bridges

12^{ly} voted & Chooſe for Hog Reeves Jonathan wars & Jacob fullam & John upton & David whitemore . Hog Reeves

13^{ly} voted & Chooſe Jacob Gibson & Samuel Parce to be fire wards for the year Enſuing . . . . fire wards

14^{ly} voted & Chooſe John upton to be a Surveyor of Shingles & Clabords . . Surveors of Shingles & Clabords

15^{ly} voted & Chooſe Capt Jonathan wood to be a survayour of Hoops & Staves . . Survayour of Hoops & Staves

16^{ly} voted & Choose David Parce to be a Sealer of weights & meaſures . . . . Sealer of weigh & meaſures

17^{ly} voted & Chooſe Aſa Perrey & Jacob upton to be fence vewers . . . . . fence vewers

18^{ly} voted to Raiſe one Hundred & fifty Pounds to mend the Highways & Bridges the year Enſuing . . .

19^{ly} voted that the Selectmen order the Highway Survayors to work on the County Road from the town Line by Jacob uptons & by m^{r} Kendall Boutels as much as they Shall think proper

20^{ly} voted to pay Daniel Farwell thirty five Dollars to support mis Hart one whole year & so in propotion if She Should not Live the year out £10–10–0

the motion was made & Seconded to adjourn & it was voted to adjourn this meeting till the fifteenth Day of this Inſtant march at one a Clock in the after Noon & the meeting is ajoured accordingly

Thomas Cowden Clark

March ye 15th 1784

the Inhabitance of the Town meet according to ajournment and proceded to Buſineſs . . . . .

21^{ly} voted to allow oliver Brown his accomp^{t} which is . . . . . £1–4–0 pd

and alfo Allowed Phin^e Sawyer Ju^r his accomp^t which is . . . . . 0-12-0 pd

[249] 22^ly voted to Chooſe a Committee & Report wheather it is Beſt for the town to take up any part of the frunt Gallary for the uſe of the Singers and Report to the Town . . . . .

23^ly voted & Chooſe Daniel Putnum & oliver Stickney & Dea John Thurſton

24^ly voted to Repair the the Glaſs in the meeting Houſe

25^ly voted that the Selectmen Repair the Glaſs winders in the meeting Houſe

26^ly voted to Excuſe De^a David Goodridge from Serving Constable & Collector and that the ten Dollars Shall Be in full for him the said David Goodridges turn when paid which Sum the Said Dea Goodridge promiſses to pay to the town & Give his note for the money . . . .

27^ly voted that the Collectors of the town & State tax Shall be held to procure Good Bondsmen for the faithfull performance of the Duty of Collector . . . . .

28^ly voted to pay Dea John Thurston forty one Shilling on each Hundred pound he Shall Collect and So in proption for a Greater or Leſsor Sum for Collecting the town or County or State or whatſever other tax . . .

29^ly voted and accepted of Dea John Thurston to be a Collector for the north Side of the town for ye year 1784

30^ly voted to pay John ferwell forty three Shillings for one Hundred pounds to Collect the town & State taxes & all other taxes Legually aſseſed so in propotion wheather Greater or Leſser . . . . .

31^ly voted to accept of John ferwell to Serve as Collector for the South Side of the town and to Serve Constable in the Room of De^a David Goodridge then the motion was made & Seconed to ajourn the march meeting till firſt munday in april and the meeting is ajourned accordingly till one a Clock in the after noon . . .

Thomas Cowdin Town Clark

April ye 5th 1784 then the Town meet according to ajournment & proceded to the Buiſeneſs of the Day . .

32ly voted to move the potition Betwene the mens & the womens Seats in the front Gallary So as the men Singers to have two thirds of the front Gallary for there uſe

Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

this meeting Diſsolved

Recorded By me Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[250] (seale) Worceſter ſs To John Farwell Conſtable for the town of fitchburg Greeting} Theſe are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſsachuſetts to order & Direct you fourthwith to Notify all the male Inhabitance of fitchburg of twenty one years of age & upwards Having a freehold Eſtate within this Commonwealth of the anuel income of three pounds or any Eſtate of the value of Sixty pounds to Aſsemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in Fitchburg on monday the fift Day of April Next at three a Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz . . . .

1ſt to Give in your votes for a Governor . . .

2ly to Give in your votes for a Luet Governor . . .

3ly to Give in your votes for five Senators in the County of worceſter a Greeable to the Constitution

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to Some one of us at or before the Day and time a bove mentioned Given under under our Hands & Seal at fitchburg this twenty Second Day of march and in the year of our Lord 1784

Phinehas Hartwell
oliver Stickney
Thomas Starns
} Select men for fitchburg

Worceſter Ss April ye 5th 1784} in obediance to the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders & other inhabitance as is Spacified in the within warrant

John Farwell Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg aſsembled april the fift 1784

1ſt voted for his Exellancy John Handcock Eſqr for a Govrnor by the No of votes two 2
Do for the Honourable John Adams Eſqr one . No . 1
Do for Colo John Commins . . . one . . No . 1
Do for the Honorable Samuel Holton Eſqr seventeen . . . . . No . 17
Do for the Reverd Zebdial Adams . . . twenty one . . . . . No . 21
2ly voted for the Honrable oliver Preſcott as Lut Governor . . . . . No of vots . 29
3ly voted for five Senators viz } the Honourble moſes Gill Eſqr . . . . . No 26
for the Honourable Israel Nicholas Eſqr . No of votes . 26
for the Honourable Seth warſhburn Eſqr No of votes . 26
for the Hounourble Samuel Curtiſs Eſqr . No of votes . 26
for Mr Willam Page of Hardwick . . . No of votes . 26

Thomas Cowdin Town Clark { Phinc Hartwell, oliver Stickney, Thomas Starns } Select men for Fitchburg

[251] Fitchburg September ye 4th 1783

*Whereas a Nomber of the inhabtance of this town Dwelling in the Norweſtardly part of Said town & owners of Lands now about to be improved & is improved Some time paſt Requeſted to the Selectmen of sd town for a tow Rod Road to to be Laid out through the Lands of us the Subscribers which was Laid out and agreed to } the Diſcriptions are as follows Begining at Wm Hafkells South Line Runing Northerdly through sd Hafkells Land to Leut Pages & Abram Ferwell Land then on pages & ferwells one Rod on each through on the Line betwene them to Docter martin Herricks Land then through the Corner of sd Dr Herrick Land about 30 or 40 Rods to Benjamin Herrick Land then Runing angle ways through the sd Benja Herrick Land to or near sd Herrick Houſe to Joſeph venen Land then on Jos venens Land Bounded on Herrick through to Ephraim Heyward Land then on Howards Land on Herrick Line to Eljah willard Land then North-

*See page 239. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

erdly through s[d] willard Land to the Land of Daniel willard then through said Daniels willards Land to Afhby Line the above mentioned Road has ben accepted By the town So far as was Given and for the Better Satisfaction and Safty of the town and the owners of Said Lands the Road was Laid out on or through, we the owners of s[d] Lands, Do Hereby tistify and Confirme our willingnefs each and every one of us perfonaly to Give Said Land free & clear of all incombrances for the publick ufe & Benefit of travelling to be an open town Road for pafing and Repafsing as is Laid out & Diferibed by marks and Bounds in witnefs Hereof we Do Sett our Hands this inftant September and in the Seventh year of america Indepedance

March y[e] 1[ft] 1784 the above mentioned Road was accepted at a Legal meeting of the inhabitance of s[d] town at there annual march meeting By an article in serted for that Purpofe } the above mentioned perfons that signed this Intrument are as follows

Abraham Farwell
William Hafkell
Elijah Willard
D[r] Martin Herrick
Ephraim Heyward
Daniel willard
Jofeph venen
Benj[a] Herrick
Jonathan Page
Samuel Herrick
Nath[l] Heyward

Phine[s] Hartwell moderator

Recorded By me

Phinehas Hartwell town Clark

[252] (Seal) Worcefter fs To Cap[t] Thomas Hartwell one of the Constables for the town of Fitchburg Greeting } thefe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachufetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of

the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to afsemble & meet at the meeting Houfe in fitchburg on Munday the fifteenth Day of this inftant march at one O clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . .

1ft to Chooſe moderator to Govern sd meeting . . .

2ly to See if the town will Send a member to meat a Convention at Worceſter by a Request of a Circuler Letter from Sutten for that purpose or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

3ly to See if the town will a bate any Rates in any of the Constables or Collectors Lift or Lifts or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

4ly to See if the town will Diſcontinue a road from william Grimeſes Houſe to Jacob Gibsons Houſe & accept of a road from sd Gibsons Houſe through sd Gibsons Land to a road that Leads to the School house as is Diſcribed by a Request of a Number of the inhabitance of sd town

5ly to See if the town will afsiſt Aſeph Goodridge in Keeping the Gates in repare on the road Leading from sd Goodridges to the meeting houſe . . . . .

6ly to See if the town will Raiſe money to Discharg an Execution in the High Sheriff hands for beef & Raiſe money for other uſes or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

7ly to See if the town will Chooſe a Committee to Settle with the town treaſurer

8ly to See if the town will take into Conſideration & Defend mr Noah weſwell from paying his taxes to weſtminſter afseſed on him in the year 1781 & 1782 or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to Some one of us on or before sd Day Given under our hands & Seal Dated at Fitchburg march the firſt 1784

Phinc Hartwell, oliver Stickney, Thos Stearns } Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter Ss Fitchburg Mareh ye 15th 1784 In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitance of the town Qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to meet at time and place with Named

Thomas Hartwell Constable

[253] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg aſsembled on mareh ye 15th 1784 . . .

1^ly^ Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell moderator . . . .

2^ly^ voted to adjourn this meeting till five a Clock in the after noon of s^d^ Day

3^ly^ voted to Send a member to meat the Convention at worceſter on the third tuesday of this inſtant mareh in order to take into Conſideration the Circuler Letter Sent from Sutten Dated the 16 Day of febuary Laſt . . .

4^ly^ voted & Chooſe m^r^ David m^c^intire to meat the Convention at worceſter on the Sixteenth Day of mareh inſtant to take into Conſideration the Letter Sent from Sutten . . . .

5^ly^ voted to abate Solomons Gibsons Rates in Phin^e^ Hartwells Liſts for the year 1780

6^ly^ voted to abate Thomas Gary taxes in Thomas Hartwells Liſts which is 1-2-6

7^ly^ voted to Diſcontuner the old road Leading from m^r^ william Grimeſes houſe to Jacob Gibsons Houſe . . .

8^ly^ voted to accept of a two rod road Leading from Jacobs Gibsons houſe Leading to the Schoole houſe as the Road was Laid out by the Seleetmen Strait from s^d^ Gibsons houſe to the Corner of the Lane aganst mr perleys houſe where they formerly traveled to s^d^ town by the school houſe . . . .

9^ly^ voted not to Defend m^r^ Noah wezwell from paying his taxes to weſteminſter for the year 1781 & 1782 then a motion was made to have this town meeting ajourned to the firſt munday in april at two a Clock in the after noon and this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Thoms Cowden Town Clark

April ye 5th the town meet according to their ajournment & proceded to the Buiſeneſs of the Day

10[ly] voted to abate Stephen fullers Rates in Cap[t] Sam[ll] Burbanks Lifts which is 11/9

11[ly] voted to abate oliver Browns poll tax in Daniel farwell State bill in paper money 20-0-0

12[ly] voted to abate Jos Gibsons Rates in Cap[t] Tho[s] Hartwells Lift which is 1-2-6

13[ly] voted to have the Committee make futher inquirey Conferning the Beef and Report to the town

14[ly] voted that Jos fox & the Selectmen be a Committe to Settle with the town treafurer

15[ly] voted to abate Noah wefsells Rates in Cap[t] Sam[ll] Burbanks Lift which is 25-15-4-3

then a motion was made to have this meeting ajourned till may meeting and s[d] meeting is ajournd accordingly

may y[e] 14th 1784 the town meet according to ajournment & proceded to buifenefs

16[ly] voted to Raife Eighty pounds to Difcharge an Execution in the hand of the High Sheriff against the town for Deficency of Beef 80-0-0

This meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Recorded by me Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[254] (Seal) Worcefter fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting Thefe are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsechusetts to will & Require you forth with to Notify all the male Inhabitance of Fitchburg of twenty one years of age & upwards Having a free hold Eftate within said town of the anuel income of three pounds or any Eftate of the value of Sixty pounds to afsemble & meet at the meeting House in s[d] town on fryday the fourteenth Day of this inftant may at three O clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article . . . . .

1st to see if the town will elect & Depute any person to serve for and Repref ent them in the Great & General Court or afsembley to be held in this Common wealth or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & Seal at fitchburg this eighth Day of this instant may and in the year of our Lord 1784 . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell } Select men for
Oliver Stickney } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In obedince to the within warrant I Have Notified the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time & place as is Spacified in the within warrant Fitchburg may ye 14th 1784

John Ferwell Constable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Fitchburg aſsembled on may the 14th 1784

voted & Chooſe Thomas Cowden Eſqr to serve for & Representetive in the Great & General Court or Aſsemble to be held in this Common wealth on the Laſt wedneſs Day of may inſtant

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[255] (seal) Worceſter ſs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Common wealth of the maſsechuſetts to will & Require you fourthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to Aſsemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on wedneſsday the first Day of Sept Next at one of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

1st to Chooſe moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2ly to Raiſe money to Support the Reverd Mr John Payson the preſent year

3ly to see what method the town will take to support the poor or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . . .

4ly to see what method the town will take to provide schooling or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . . .

5ly to see if the town will allow such accomps as shall be Laid before them for service Done for said town or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

6ly to see what som or sums of money the town will Raiſe to Defray town Charges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

7ly to see what method the town will take to supply the Revd mr payson with wood the preſent year . . .

8ly to see if the town will allow mr Jonathan Ruſsell and mr Jeſse French any a abatement on their Rate Bill in the Hands of the Constable for the year 1780 in Regard to there being Drafted or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . . .

9ly to see if the town will Give in there votes for a Regeſter of Deeds for the County of worceſter as Directed by a warrent from two of the Juſtices of the Corum

10ly to see if the town will take into Consideration the Circurler Letter from weſtminster in Regard to Deviding the County or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our Hands & seal this sixteenth Day of August & in the year of our Lord 1784

Phinehas Hartwell, oliver Stickney, Thomas ſtearns } Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs Fitchburg Sept ye 1st 1784 in obediance to the with warrant I have Noteſied and warnd all the free holders & other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to aſsemble and meet at the time & place as is spasified in the within warrant

John Ferwell Constable

[256] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Aſsembled September ye 1st 1784 . .

1st voted and Chooſs Phinehas Sawyer Jur moderator

2ly voted to Raiſe for the Revrd mr Payson support for the preſent year £66-13-4

3ly voted to Raiſe thirty five Dollars for Daniel Ferwell to support mis Hart one whole year so in propotion if Shee Shold not Live the year out 10-10-0

4ly voted to Raiſe forty pounds to support the school the preſent year 40-0-0

5ly voted & Choose for a school Committee Elijah Garfield & mr Hezekiah Hodgskins & mr Chearls Willard & mr Daniel Putnum mr John Goodridge & mr Jonathan Rufsell School Committee

6ly voted that each Quarter Draw their propotion of money according to there Rate Bill in each Quarter

7ly voted to allow Dea David Goodridge account for Labour with several other Hands on the Great Bridg in Repairing it as appears By his accompt Dated June ye 5th 1784 the sum . . . . . 2- 4- 6 pd

8ly voted to allow Eben Polley his accompt for Labour at the Great Bridge . . 0-10- 0 pd

voted to allow Capt Thomas Hartwell his accompt . . . . . 0- 2- 0 pd

voted to allow John upton his account for Labour at the Bridge . . . . . 1-10- 0 pd

voted to allow Phinehas Hartwell & Ephraim Hartwell 6/0 their accompt at the Bridge . . . . . 1- 0- 0 pd

voted to allow Thomas Stearns for Service Done as an aſsesſor . . . . . 2- 0- 3 pd

voted to allow oliver Stickney for service Done as an aſsesſor & to the Bridge . . . . . 3- 4- 2 pd

voted to allow Samll Burbank his accompt at the Bridge . . . . . 0- 2- 0 pd

voted to allow John thurston Jur his account at the Bridge & as an aſsesſor 2- 7- 6 pd

voted to allow Elijah Garfield his account . . . . . 0- 6- 0 pd

voted to allow Phine Sawyer Jur his account at the Bridg . . . . . 0- 3- 4 pd

voted to allow Ebene Bridge his account which is Cost at Law . . . . . 4- 7- 9 pd

voted to allow Hezekiah Hodgskins his account . . . . . x1- 0- 6 p^{d}
voted to allow Efqr Cowden for taken Care of the meeting Houſe one year & setling with the Committee his accompt . . . . . 1-11- 0 p^{d}
voted to allow Aſa Perrey his accomp^{t} for setling the Beef . . . . . 0-10- 0 p^{d}
voted to allow Joſeph Low Ju^{r} his accomp^{t} at the bridge . . . . . 0-19- 6 p^{d}
voted to allow Lie^{t} paul weatherbee his accomp^{t} . . . . . 0- 2- 0 p^{d}
voted to allow David McIntire his accomp^{t} for tending on the convention at Worceſter . . . . . 2-14- 0 p^{d}
voted to allow Edward Scott his work on the highway to be Reconed of to a futere Highway Rate to Come . . 3- 6- 0 p^{d}
voted to allow Edward Scott his accomp^{t} for timber at the Bridge . . 12- 0 p^{d}

[257] 9^{ly} voted & Choose Mr Kendel Boutell & m^{r} Thomas Stearns to meat the Convention at weſtminiſter the second Day of this instant Sep^{t} to Consult the interest of the County . .

10^{ly} voted to allow John Carter his accomp^{t} £0- 3- 4 p^{d}

11^{ly} voted to allow m^{r} Aſeph Goodridge five pound Eighteen Shillings for providing thirty Coard of Good wood at the Reve^{d} Mr Paysons Door to m^{r} paysons acceptance . . . . . 5-18- 0 p^{d}

12^{ly} voted to allow m^{r} Jonathan Ruſsell to ward his being Drafted by Col^{o} Bridge one Shiling & ten pence . . . 0 1-10 p^{d}

13^{ly} voted & Raise one Hundred and fifty Pounds to Defray town Charges and the above accounts for the preſant year to be aſſeſed 150- 0- 0

14 voted to paſs over Jeſse french Requeſt he being over paid by the scale

The meeting Diſolved

Phinehas Sawyer Jur moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Cleark

A Greeable to a warrant Directed to the Selectmen of the town of fitchburg from worceſter by two of the Juſtices of the Corum for the County afores^{d} to will & Require them forth with to Notiſy the free holders & other inhabitance Quallified by Law to vote for a Regiſter of Deeds for s^{d} County } an article was inſerted in a Legal warrant from the Selectmen of s^{d} town for the above mentioned purpoſes

the town meet on Sep^{t} ye 1st 1784 & Gave in their votes for the following Gentlemen (viz)

for Timothy Pain Eſqr	25 vots
for m^{r} Joſeph Stone	4–votes
for Joſeph wheelar Eſqr	1–vote
for m^{r} Sam^{ll} Allen	1–vote

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Phinehas Hartwell } Select men for Fitchburg

(Seal) Worceſter ſs to John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg Greeting Perſuant to a warrant to us Directed from two of the Juſtices of the peace of s^{d} County Quoram unice for the Choice of a Reg^{r} of Deeds for s^{d} County

Theſe are therefore in the Name of the Commonwelth of the maſsachuſetts to order & Direct you fourth with to Notify all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote for the Choice of Repreſentetives to aſsemble and meet at the meeting houſe in fitchburg on fryday the twenty six Day of this Inſtant Novembr at one a Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article (viz)

to Give in your votes for a Reigt^{r} of Deeds for the County of worceſter as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before

the Day & time above mentioned Givin under our hand & Seal at Fitchburg this twelth Day of November & in the year of our Lord 1784

Phine^{s} Hartwell } Selectmen for
Thomas Stearns } Fitchburg

at a Legal meeting of the inhabtance of the town of fitchburg afsembled on fryday the twenty Six Day of this in Stant September 1784 and Gave in their vots for the following Gentlemen (viz)

timothy Pain Efqr . . . . . 12 vots
Col^{o} Clap . . . . . 2 vots

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[258] Worcefter fs To John Ferwell Conftable for fitchburg Greeting

A Greeable to a warrant Directed to the select men of the town of fitchburg from two of the Juftices of the peace of s^{d} County Quoram unice for the Choice of a Regifter of Deeds for s^{d} County

(seal) Thefe are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachufetts to Require and Direct you forthwith in Due manner and form to Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitance of s^{d} town Qualified by Law to vote for Choice of a Repref entetive to Afsemble at the meeting houfe in fitchburg on munday the seventh Day of march Next at Nine of the Clock in the morning then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article

1^{ly} to Bring your vots for some Diferete sutable perfon to serve in the office of Regefter of Deeds for the County of worcefter as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hand & seal at fitchburg this Eighteenth Day of this inftant february & in the year of our Lord 1785

Phine^{s} Hartwell } Selectmen
Oliver Stickney } for
Thomas Stearns } fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In Obediance to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the free holders and other of the inhabitance of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs

John Ferwell Conſtable

Fitchburg march ye 7th 1785

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Aſsembled March ye 7th 1785

1ly voted for mr Samuell Allen to serve in the office of a Regiſter of Deeds for sd County Number of votes for Said Allen was twenty

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Fitchburg March ye 8th 1785 whereas Doctr Jonas marſhell Gave Notice to us the subscribers selectmen for the town of fitchburg of his Conſenting to Come into town Febuary ye 11th 1785 one Samuell Hill & family from Hollifs in New Hamſhire State to Live on pirlhill we the Selectmen of sd town having taken into Conſideration the Circumſtances of the above named Samuell Hill & Jemima his wife & Eliſabeth his Daughter & samuell Hill his son and Do not admitt either of them into town as inhabitance thereof in any wife or Give Lifance to them to inhabite in sd town But to Depart with out Charge forth with . . .

Phinehas Hartwell, Oliver Stickney } Selectmen for fitchburg

[259] (Seal) Worceſter ſs To John Ferwell Constable for the Town of fitchburg Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſsachuſetts you are hereby Required to Notify in Due Courſe of Law Agreeable to the Constetution the freeholders and other inhabitance Qualified thereby to vote for the offices here after mentioned to aſsemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on Monday the forth Day of april Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duely meet & formed to act on the following articles

1ly to Give in your votes for a Governor

2ly to Give in your votes for a Leut Governor
3ly to Give in your votes for five Senators
Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hand & seal this fourteenth Day of march and in the year of our Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell
oliver Stickney
} Selectmen for fitchburg

Worcefter fs in obedince to the within written warrant I have Notified all the freeholders & other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to afsemble and meete at the time & place within mentioned

John Ferwell Conftable

Fitchburg April ye 1st 1785
At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg affembled april the forth 1785 the following Gentlemen voted for as followes—

The Honourable samuell Holton Efqr For Governor . . 16-votes
The Honorable Thomas Cufhing Efqr For Governor . . 6-votes
The Honorable oliver Prefcott Efqr For Governor . . 4 votes
The Honorable oliver Prefcott Efqr For Liut Governor . 18-votes
The Honourable Isarel Nicholas Efqr for senator . . 16-votes
The Honorable Seth warfhburn Efqr for senator . . 16-votes
The Honorable Mofes Gill Efqr for senator . 16 votes
The Honorable Samll Baker Efqr for senator . 16-vote
The Honorable Jonathan Warner Efqr for senator . . 16 votes

this meeting Difsolved

oliver Stickney
Thomas Stearns
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To John Ferwell Conſtable for fitchburg Greeting

theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſsachuſetts to will & Require you forth with to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to Aſsemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on Munday the seventh Day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the morning then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles to wit . . . .

1st to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly to Chooſe Selectmen & other town offices as the Law Directs or act any thing in Regard to Choice of Collectors as they shall think proper . . . . . .

3ly to see if the town will accept of such Roads as are Laid out by the Selectmen or there order . . . . .

4ly to see if the town will Diſcontinue a Road formerly Laid out on the Back of peirlhill or any part thereof as shall be thoat proper and accept of an New one Laid futher weſt for the uſe of the inhabitance on Back of ſaid hill

[**260**] 5ly to see what sum or sums of money the Town will Raiſe to keep the Highways and Bridges in Repair the preſent year or act any thing as they shall think proper

6ly to see what inſtructions the town will Give in Regard to thoſe perſons that Have over paid there Claſs Rate to the Collector that they may have Credit for there over pluſs . . . . .

7ly to see what method the town will take to support the poor that are be Come Chargeble to the town or act anything thereon as they shall think proper

8ly to see if the town will take into Conſideration the Great Bridge by the meeting Houſe in Regard to its being New Covered & Repair the under works if need or act any thing thereon aſ they shall think proper . . .

9ly to see if the town will allow any accounts that may be Laid before the town for acceptance for service Done for said town . . .

10ly to see if the town will allow the swine to Go at Large the preſent year under the Regulation of the Law

11ly to see if the town will take into Conſideration the Requieſt of Mr Jacob upton and others to see if the town will seet of the Inhabitance of the Norweſtardly part of fitchburg with there Lands and priveledges free and Clear from sd fitchburg to Joine the Extrem part of weſtminiſter with the Noreafterdly part of Aſhburnham to be encoproated into a town to have town priveliges as other towns . . . .

Hereof fail not make Dne Return of this warrant to some one of us with your Dowings thereon at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal this Eighteenth Day of this inſtant February and in the year of our Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell } Selectmen
Oliver Stickney } for
Thomas Stearns } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs in obedience to the within warrant I have Notifyed and warn all the freeholders and others of the inhabitance of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs Fitchburg march ye 7th 1785

John Ferwell Conſtable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitance of the town of fitchburg aſſembled march ye 7th 1785

1ly voted & Chooſe Dea David Goodridge moderator

2ly voted to Chooſe three selectmen for the enſuing year . . . . .

3ly voted & Chooſe for selectmen Phinehas Hartwell Oliver Stickney Thomas Stearns . . Select men & Aſſeſsors

4ly voted & Chooſe the selectmen for Aſſeſsors the preſent year . . . . .

5ly voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

6ly voted & Chooſe Phines Hartwell Town treaſurer . . town treaſurer

7ly voted & Choof Hezekiah Hodskins Constable for the south side of sd town . . . . . Constable Hodgskins Refuſe to serve or Give any satiffaction to the town there for when notefied . . . . .

8ly voted & Chooſe Leut Jonathan Page Conſtable for the North side of sd town . . . . . Conſtable Jonathan Page accepted his Chooſe & Paid his ten Dollars for a hire of Collector in his Room to Collect the taxes the preſent year according to a former vote

9ly voted & Chooſe mr aſa Perrey & Joſeph Polley wardans the preſent year . . . . . warden

10ly voted & Chooſe mr Jacob upton & mr Jonathan Ruſſell tythingmen . . . . . tythingmen

11ly voted & Chooſe for Highways Surveyours mr Aſa Perry mr Jacob upton mr Thomas Stearns mr Jacob Allen & mr Abraham Ferwell & mr Thomas Eaton and mr Johnathan Ruſſell & mr Abraham Jaquith & Joſeph Fox Eſqr & mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur for the present year . . . . . Highway Surveyours

12ly voted & Chooſe for Hog Reves mr Jacob fullam william Rider Berzelel Gibson . . . . . Hogreves

13ly voted & Chooſe mr Ebenezer Thurſton & mr Joſhua Paree fire wards . . . . . fire wards

14ly voted & Chooſe mr John Upton surveyre of Clabords & shingles & Boards . . . . . surveyour of Clabords & Shingles & Boards

[**261**] 15ly voted & Chooſe Capt Jonathan wood surveyour of Hoops & Staves . . . . Hoops & Staves

16ly voted & Chooſe mr David Paree Sealer of weights & meaſurers . . . . . sealer of weights and meaſurers

17ly voted & Chooſe mr Jacob Allen & mr Daniel Putnam fence vewers . . . . . fence vewers

18ly voted & Chooſe mr oliver Brown a sealer of Leather . . . . . sealer of Leather

19ly voted to Raiſe one Hundred & fifty pounds to keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the Preſent year and the above money to be Diſpoſed of in the same manner for an hour & for oxen & for tools as was seet Laſt year the surveyers are Chooſen Collectors of the highway taxes & the tax to be worked out the Laſt Day of Novem-

ber 1785 the surveyours to Give Legal & timely Notice for the work and that perſon that neglects to workt out there Rate within the time perfixt are expoſed to pay there money to the Collectors as other Rate and the money be Converted to the use of the Highway in the Deſtrict where it is Collected . . . . .

20ly voted that the selectmen Give the treafurer order to Give those perſon that over paid there Claſs Rate to the Collector order to Receive the over plus Back to Discharge other Rates in sd Collectors hand if any there be

21ly mr Joſeph Down Bid of mrs Hart for Daniel Ferwell at Eight pounds twelve shillings provided shee Lives the year out so in propotion if shee should not Live the year out . . . . .

22ly submitt williams Girl Lydea Bid of By mr Joſeph Phelps for two shillings a week & find her vitling Lodging & warfhing & mending while shee Lives with sd Phelps

23ly voted & Chooſe Leut Paul weatherbee & Aſeph Goodridge & Elijah Garfield a Committee to enſpect the Great Bridge in the midle of the town to see what is wanting for the Covering & Repairing the said Bridge and make a Report emeadiately as soon as may bee . .

the Ninth article in the warrant paſsed over & Diſmiſed . . . .

24ly voted to Let the swine Go at Large the preſent year under the Regulation of the Law

25ly the Committee Report of the Bridge accepted & paſed the following votes voted that the Committee be impowered to Let the Gitting of the Plank for the Covering of the Bridge out at the Beſt manner and Collect the under timber for the Repeiring the Bridge that is wanting at the Cheepest Rate . . . .

26ly voted to ajourne this meeting with thoſe articles that are not acted on to the firſt munday in April Next at one of the Clock in the after noone the meeting is ajorned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

April ye 4th 1785 the town meet according to ajournment and proceded to the Buiſineſs of the Day

27ly voted to Chooſe Collectors to Collect the taxes for the preſent year the Loweſt Bidder to be the Collector with a Good Bondsman to the towns acceptance . . .

*28ly voted to Diſcontunere the old Road that Leads on the Back of the pirl hill By where John Parkes Lived & accept of a new one in the Room Laid out under the hill to the two Berreys houſes the Land is Given By sd owners & to Clear out sd Road on there own Coſt the Diſcription of sd Road two Rod Road as followes beginning at the old Road Betwene mr Joſeph Phelps & Colo Bridges then Runs Northerdly on Land of Joſeph Phelps as Near Colo Bridges Line is Convenant for a Road till it Comes within aboute fifteen Rods of stephen Pingreys Land then Runing Eaſt of a Cheſtnut tree markt then Runing on Land of mr Pingrey Northeaſt of a Cheſtnut tree marked then Runing eaſt of a white oak tree marked then Runing Eaſt of a Black oak tree marked then Runing Northerly on Land of Nathaniel Berry Eaſt of a Rock maple tree marked then Runing Eaſt of a white oack tree marked then Runing Eaſt of a white pine tree mark,t then Runing Eaſt of a Rock maple tree marked on Land of samuell Berry then Runing Eaſt of said Berrey houſe Northerly till it Comes to Land of Jonathan Lemons the Land all Given By the owners where the Road Runs and this Road is in Lue of the Road that was Laid out and Led By where John Parks Lived the Road accepted By the town so far as Laid out & Given

Joſeph Phelps
stephen Pingrey
} Committed appointed By order of the selectmen

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Fitchburg February ye 18th 1785

[262] 29ly The vote was Put to see if the town of fitchburg would vote of the Northweſterdly Corner of said town of fitchburg according to there Plan Laid before the town annexed to there Requeſt the Requeſt Legally in Certed in a warrant for the above purpoſe and it paſsed in the Negative

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*Now known as Marshall Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

the meeting ajourned to Efqr Cowdens Houſe for one half hour the town meet on ajournment at said houſe & proceded as followes

30ly voted this meeting be adjourned to the Eighth Day of this inſtant april at one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting Houſe the meeting is accordingly ajourned

April ye 8th 1785 the town meet according to adjournment & proceded to the buiſineſs of the Day

31st voted to Diſmiſs Deacon David Goodridge as Moderator he being not able to perform the Buiſeneſs in hand

Deacon David Goodridge moderator

voted & Chooſe mr Aſa Perry Moderator in the Room of Deacon Goodridge to to Govern sd meeting

32ly voted to adjourne meeting Down to the houſe of Capt Cowden for five minuts the town meet on the ajurnement at the houſe and proceeded to the Buiſeneſs in hand

33ly voted to Chooſe a Collector on the south side of sd town first ſ the Laſt bid Lies on mr David Pratt at Nineteen Dollars on the hundred pound for Collecting

34ly voted to try the North side of sd town for a Collector the Bid Lies on mr John Shiple at Nineteen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pound voted and accepted of Dr Jonas marſhell as a Bondsman for mr Shiple to serve Collector

35ly voted to accept of Thomas Stearns as Bondsman for mr said David pratt to serve Collector

36ly voted to adjourne this meeting to tueſday the twelveth Day of this inſtant April the meeting is accordingly ajourned . . . .

April ye 12th 1785 the town meet according to the adjournment & proceeded to the Buiſeneſs of the Day mr John Shiple & mr David pratt Gave Liberty to have the town try for a New Bid for a Collector on each side of sd town to Collect the taxes the preſent year

37ly voted to journe Down to the houſe of Efqr Cowdens for five minuts the town meet according to ajournement & proceeded to the buiſeneſs in hand . . .

38ly voted to try for a Collector on the North side of sd town the Laft bidd Lies on mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur at seventeen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pounds so in propotion for a Leffor or Greator sum for Collecting the taxses . . . . . .

39ly voted to accept of mr Elijah Garfield to be Bondsman for mr Phinehas sawyer Jur for him to serve Collector for the North side of the town for the year 1785—for the faithfull Difcharge of his Ducty in office . . . . .

30th voted to try for a Collector on the south side of said town the Laft bid Lies on mr Afa Perry at seventeen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pound for Collecting the taxes so in propotion for a Leffor or Greator sum for the south side of the town for the year 1785

31st voted to accept of mr Thomas Stearns to be Bondsman for mr Afa Perry for him to serve Collector for the south side of said town for the faithfull Difcharge of his Duty in office

32ly voted this meeting be Difsolved

Afa Perrey . . . Moderator

Fitchburg march ye 1st 1785

Laid out by us the subscribers for Noah wifsall a two Rod Road begining at the County Road betwene Kendal Boutells and David Goodell through a part of Efqr Cowdens Land to the proprietors Land and through the proprietors Land to Land of Capt Nethaniel wright and through sd Rights Land a south wefterdly point to the town Line and marked the trees on the Northwefterly side of sd Road this Road accepted so far as Given

Kendall Boutell, Thomas Stearns, Noah wifwell } Committee apponted By the Selectmen

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[263] (seal) Worcefter fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg Greeting By a Legal Requeft from the inhabitance of the weft part of the town to us the suberibers . . . .

Thefe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the maffachufetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to affemble & meet at the meeting houfe in on munday the second Day of may Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles to wit

1st to Choofe a moderator to Govern sd meeting

2ly to see if the town of fitchburg will Receive about a mile or more in weadth of Land with the inhabitance thereon of the Northerdly part of the town of weftminifter Bounding on the Northwefterdly part of fitchburg to Be annexed thereto to be Convened with others of the inhabitance of sd town for the publick worfhip of God and to be vefted with all other Privelidges with said town in publick matters to Joyn with the Inhabitance of sd fitchburg to Build a meeting Houfe on mr Ezra uptons Land By the County Road near or aganst the end of the Road that Leads from mr John Carters to the County Road . . . or act any thing Referring thereto as they shall think proper . . . .

3ly to see if the town will Grant Leave for the Delinquents of the Highway tax for the year 1784 which by a former vote was to be aded to the town Rate and see if the town will Grant Leave to have the Remaining part of said tax which is annexed to the town Bill to be taken of and aded to the Lift of the prefent surveyours to be Collected or worked out fourthwith or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

4ly to see if the town will Authorize or impower the selectmen to Give securitys on the towns behalf for the towns Debts & indemnify them from all sutes of Law that may a rife on former security Given By the selectmen in behalf of said town heretofore and Difcharge the same to final Judgment

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned ——

Given under our Hand & seal at fitchburg this Eighteenth Day of this inftant april and in the year of our Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell } Selectmen
Oliver Stickney } for fitchburg

Worceſter ſs in obediance to the within warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders & other of the inhabitance of the towne of fitchburg to meet at the time and Place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Fitchburg May ye 2nd 1785

John Ferwell Constable
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[264] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg aſſembled on monday the second Day of may 1785 . . . . the meeting being opned . . . .

1st ly voted & Chooſe Mr Daniel Putnam Moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting

2^ly^ voted to Diſmiſs the second article in the warrant in Regard to taking on a mile of the town of weſteminster to be annexed to fitchburg according to a Requeſt of a number of the inhabitance of the weſt part of fitchburg

3^ly^ voted to the Delinquents that was not worked out in Laſt year Highway tax for the year 1784 that was aded on the town bill and & add it to the prefent Highway surveyours Liſts to be worked out emeadiately or the money Collected & put to the uſe of mending of the Road

4^ly^ voted to accept of the fourth article as it Now stands in the warrant

voted to authorize & impower the selectmen to Give security on the towns Behalf for the towns Debts and indemnify them from all sutes of Law that may arife on former securityes Given by the selectmen in behalf of said town heretofore and Diſcharge the same to final Judgment

this meeting Diſsolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcefter ſs To John Ferwell Conſtable for the town of fitchburg for the County aforesaid —— Greeting

Theſe are in the Name of the Common wealth of the Maſsachuſetts to will & Require you fourthwith to Notify by verble Notice in an open town meeting the inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meeting to meet at the meeting houſe in said town at four O Clock this second Day of may in the after noon to act on the following article viz

1ly to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly to see if the town will take into Conſideration the Circuller Letter sent from Leominster or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before the time afore mentioned Given under our hand & seal this second Day of may 1785

Oliver Stickney } Selectmen
Thomas stearns } for fitchburg

Worcefter ſs May ye 2nd 1785

In obedince to the within warrant I have Notified & warnd the freeholders and other of the inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place within mentioned

John Ferwell Conſtable

[265] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg aſſembled on monday the second Day of this inſtant may 1785 at four of the Clock P. M. to take into Conſideration a Circuller Letter from Leominſter for forming a New County

1ly voted & Chooſe mr Daniel Putnam Moderator

2ly voted to Chooſe three as a Committee to meet the other Neighbouring towns at Lanlord Whitneys Innholders in Lunenburg on the Nineteenth Day of this inſtant may to Conſult matters Relative to forming a New County

3ly voted & Chooſe the following Gentlemen viz Thomas Cowden Eſqr Dr Jonas Marſhell Mr Elijah Garfield to meet the other towns in a Conſultation for the above porpoſe

the meeting Diſsoved

Daniel Putnum Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter ſs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg for s[d] County Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonweath of the maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify all the male Inhabitance of fitchburg of twenty one years of age & upward having a freehould Eſtate within said town of the annuel income of three pounds or any Eſtate of the value of sixty pounds to aſſemble & meet at the meeting houſe in fitchburg on fryday the thirteenth Day of may Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to wit

1[ly] to see if the town will Elect & Depute any perſon to serve for & Repreſent them in the Great & General Court or aſſembley to be held in this Commonweath on the Laſt wedneſs day in may A Greeable to the Conſtitution or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal at fitchburg this twenty Ninth Day of april & in the year of our Lord 1785

Phin[s] Hartwell) Select men for
oliver Stickney ∫ fitchburg

Worceſter ſs in obediance to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders and other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote for a Repreſentetive to meet at the time & place within mentioned——

John Ferwell Conſtable

Fitchburg may y[e] 13th 1785

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg aſſembled on fryday the thirteen Day of this inſtant may 1785 the meeting opned & the motion put to see if the town will send a Repreſentetive to Repreſent

the town the prefent year & the vote Called & it paſsed in the Negetive

thee meeting Difsolved

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[266] (seal) Worceſter ſs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg for the year 1785 . . Greeting

Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Masſachuſetts to will and Require you forthwith to Notify & warn all the free holders & other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the meeting houſe in fitchburg on thursday the fifteenth Day of september at one of the Clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles to wit

1st to Chooſe a moderator to Govern sd meeting . .

2ly to Raiſe money to support the Revnd mr payſon the preſent year . . . . .

3ly to see what sum or sums of money shall be Raifed to support the schools and to see what way it shall be Laid out or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

4ly to Raiſe money to support mis hart & the other poor that is become Chargeble to sd town or act any thing thereon as the Shall think proper

5ly to see what method the town will take to Gitt mr paysons wood the prefent year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

6ly to see if the town will allow such accounts as are Laid before them for service Done for sd town

7ly to see what sum or sums of money the town shall Raiſe to Defray there Neceſsary Charges the preſent year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

8ly to see if the town will abate any perſons Rates in any of the Collectors or Constables Lift that Cant be Collected . . . .

9ly to see if the town will Chooſe a Saxon to take Care of the meeting Houſe and Dig Graves or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

10ly to see if the town will Choſe a Committee to Repaire the meeting Houſe or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

11ly to see if the town will fence the Buring place or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seal this first Day of september & in the year of our Lord A D. 1785

Oliver Stickney } Select men for
Thomas Stearns } fitchburg

Worceſter ſs sept ye 14th 1785

In obedience to the with in warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to Aſsemble and meet at the meeting houſe in fitchburg on the fifteenth Day of this Inſtant September

John Ferwell Constable

[267] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg aſsembled septmr ye 15th 1785

1st voted & Chooſe mr Daniel Putnam moderator

2ly voted to Raiſe 66–13–4 to support the Revnd Mr Payſon the preſent year £66–13– 4

3ly voted to Raiſe forty five pounds to support the school the present year 45– 0– 0

4ly voted to hire a Grammer school maſter for the town the said Gammer school to be keept four months & each Quarter to have there mounth the said Gramer school to begin in town Before December next . . . . .

5ly voted that the Remaining part of the money to be school out in each Divition as uſal . . . . .

6ly voted to Chooſe six as a Committee to provide schooling in each part of said town viz Thomas Cowden Eſqr mr Reuben smith Liut John putnum mr Joſeph Downe mr John Goodridge Doct Jonas marſhall . . . . .

7ly voted to Raiſe money to pay mr Daniel Ferwell for supporting mis hart one whole year Eight pounds twelve shillings 8–12– 0

8ly voted to Raiſe money to pay mr Joſeph Phelps for keeping Lydea williams one whole year at 2/ a week five pound four shillings 5– 4– 0

9ly voted to Lett mr Payson wood out at the Loweſt bidder the article being ajourned for the preſent . . . .

10ly voted to Raiſe the money to pay Mr William Hafkells account for bording Lydea williams 20 week . . 3– 0– 0

11ly voted to Raiſe the money to pay mr oliver stickneys accompt for ſervice Done as an aſſeſsor & other matters two pound Eleven shillings 6d two acct in . 2–11– 6

12ly voted to Raiſe money to pay Phinehas Hartwell accounts which is four pound six shillings & Eight pence for ſervice Done as an Aſſeſsor, & other matters . 4– 6– 8

13ly voted to Raiſe money to pay John Ferwell his accompt to sherley with a warrant 0– 6– 4

14 voted that thoſe perſons that have Don service for the Town Lay there accompts before the selectmen to be agread on & allowed before the meeting for Granting money to Diſcharge the same and alſo the Collectors or Constables in any abatements on there Rate Bills are to be a bated By the aſſeſsors for the futere

15ly voted to allow Thomas starnes account as an Aſſeſsor & other matters & Raiſe the money for the same . . 2–17–10

16ly voted to paſs over the seventh article for the Raiſing of the whole sum of money to the ajournment till all the accounts are brought in and setled for service Done for said town . . . . .

17ly voted to Chooſe mr Ephraim Kimball saxon and to Dig the Graves for the town for the future

18ly voted that the selectmen Repair the meeting houſe fourthwith as soon as may bee . . . . .

19ly voted that the Buring Place be Bounded out with Corners sett up and fenced in

20ly voted to Chooſe a Committee of three men to agree on the bounds & set them up and alſo fence said Buring Place viz Joſeph Fox Eſqr Lut Paul weatherbe and Mr David Pratt to Conſiſt of said Committee . . .

21st voted to ajourn this meeting Down to the house of Efqr Cowdens for one half hour then the town proceeded as followes vandued of mr paysons wood to John ferwell the Lowest bider

22ndly voted to allow Mr John ferwell five pound Eighteen shillings to provide theirty Cord of Good wood at mr paysons Dore to mr paysons acceptance . 5–18– 0 and Raiſed the money for the same

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[268] 23ly voted to ajourn this meeting to wedneſs Day the twenty Eight Day of this Inſtant September at one of the Clock in the after noon at the meeting houſe the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

September 28th 1785 the Town meet on the ajournment the meeting being opned then proceded as follows

24ly voted to Raiſe the money to pay the Committee appointed for Repairing the Great Bridge and thoſe perſons that ware imployed in Gitting plank & Labour Done with other Neceſsary articles of timber & string peaces for sd Bridge the account to the Committee amounting to thirteen pound Eighteen shillings as a Committee . . . 13–18–0

voted mr Elijah Garfield accompt excluſive the other account above mentioned for service Done at ye Great Bridg Collecting workmen & his own Labour with two Day attending at Lunenburg on the Committee for Erecting a new County which sum is 2–10–8

voted mr Ebenezer Thurſtons accompt for service Don at the Great Bridge imployed By the selectmen in the year 1783 which sum is 1– 1–8

voted mr John Thurston Jur accompt for bording oliver Harrice six weeks while sent to school 2/ ℔ week the town poor 0–12–0

voted mr oliver Stickney account for three Days making highway taxes in april Exclusive the other account before mentioned which sum is 0– 9–0

voted mr Ephraim Osburn account for Labour at the Great Bridge in the year 1783 which was not before allowed which sum is 0– 5–4

voted m^r^ Abner Sawyer acc^t^ for Labour at the Great Bridge in the year 1783 for five Day & oxen & wheels one Day . . . . . pd 0–14–0 pd

voted Thomas Cowden Eſq^r^ account for service for the town at worceſter & at Boſton on account of a fine & sweeping ye meeting houſe one whole year & other matters with mitt williams being Carred out of town . . . 3–11–8

voted Eſq^r^ Foxes account for Rum & Suger at the Raiſing of the Great Bridge 1783 . . . . . 0– 7–0

voted & Raiſe two Hundred and sixty Eight pounds six shillings & six pence to Defray Neceſsary Charges that have ariſen by Notes & other Dues above mentioned to be paid into ye treaſure including what was to Raiſe at the fifteenth of sepember 1785 at the firſt opening of the meeting which is one hundred & forty four pounds Eleven shillings & two pence together with the whole sum mentioned Diſcharging of Neceſsary Charges the whole amounting to 268– 6–6

25^ly^ voted that the Committee appointed for fencing the Buring yard Cauſe the same to be fenced as they shall think proper for the Beſt Intreſt of the Town . . .

26^ly^ voted this meeting to be Diſsolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[269] (seal) Worceſter ſs To Mr John Ferwell Constable for the Town of fitchburg Greeting

Theſe are In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notifie & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on munday the sixth Day of march Next at ten of the Clock in the fore noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles to witt

firſt—to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting

2^ly^ to Chooſe selectmen & other Town offercies as the Law Directs . . . . .

3ly to Chooſe Collectors to Collect the Publick taxes or act any thing there on as they shall think porper

4ly to see if the Town will accept of any Roads that are Laid out By the seleetmen or there order . . .

5ly to see if the Town will Diſcontinue any Road or Roads which shall be Laid before the Town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

6ly to see what sum or sums of money the Town will Raiſe to keep the Highways & Bridges in Repair the preſent year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

7ly to see what method the Town will Take to support the poor that are become Chargeble to the town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

8ly to see if the Town will allow the swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law

9ly to see if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to settle with Mr Jacob upton with Regard to his money which he saith he Lent to the Town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

10ly to see what the Town will Do in Regard to Mr Nathan Badcocks Road being Shut up which was formerly Laid from sd Badcocks Land betwene Levt Jonathan Pages Land & mr Wm Harkell Land to the other Road or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

11ly to see if the Town will vote any thing with Regard to altering the seets in the meeting Houſe for the uſe of the singers agreeable to a Requſt of a Number of the Inhabitance of sd town . . . . .

12ly to see if the Town will vote that the Revend Mr Payson to have Liberty to Preach at the weſtardly part of the Town any Part of the Time in the year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

13ly to see if the Town will abate one Miniſter tax of Mr Thomas Parlmer in Daniel Ferwell Liſt or act any thing there on as they shall think proper for 1780 . . .

Here of faile not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us on or before said Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hands

& seal this Thirteenth Day of this instant february & in the year of our Lord 1786 . . . . .

Oliver Stickney } Select men
Thomas Stearns } for fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In obidence to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders and other of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the Time & Place within mentioned

John Ferwell Constable.

Fitchburg March ye 6th 1786

[270] att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg aſſembled march ye 6th 1786 the meeting Being opned and Proceeded as follows . . . .

first voted & Chooſe Mr Daniel Putnam Moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting . . . . . moderator

2^ly^ voted to Chooſe three selectmen to serve for the preſent year

3^ly^ voted & Chooſe Mr Daniel Putnam & Thomas stearns & Leu^t^ Paul Weatherbee . . . . . selectmen

4^ly^ voted to Chooſe three aſſeſſors for the preſent year

5^ly^ voted & Chooſe m^r^ Daniel Putnam & m^r^ Thomas Stearns & Lev^t^ Paul weatherbee . . . . . aſſeſſors

6^ly^ voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . Clerk

7^ly^ voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Town Treaſurer . . . . . Town Treaſurer

8^ly^ voted & Chooſe Mr Oliver stickney Constable for the south side of s^d^ Town } Constable

9^ly^ voted & Chooſe Mr Amos ordway Conſtable for the North side of s^d^ Town }

10^ly^ voted to excuſe Mr Oliver stickney in serving as Collector to Collect the Publick taxes for the preſent year for his paying in his ten Dollars hard money into the Town as the Towns property

11^ly^ voted to Chooſe two wardens for the preſent year viz m^r^ Phinehas Sawyer Ju^r^ & m^r^ John Ferwell . . wardans

12ly voted & Chooſe Mr Joſeph simons & Capt Thomas Hartwell as Tythingmen . . . . . Tythingmen

13ly voted & Chooſe Mr John Goodridge & Mr Hezekiah Hodgskins & Mr John Ferwell & Mr Blaney Phillips Mr Phinehas Brown Mr Abraham willard Joſeph Polley Elijah Garfield Jacob Gibson & Mr Abraham Jaquith . . surveyours of Highways & Collectors for the same

14ly voted & Chooſe Mr Thomas Hilton & Mr Jeſse French & Samll Berry . . . . . Hogreves

15 voted & Chooſe Joſhua Parce & Phinehas Browns fire wards . . . . . fire wards

16 voted & Chooſe John upton suryeours of shingles & Clabords & Boards . . shingles & Clabords suryeour

17ly voted & Chooſe Capt Jonathan wood suryeor of Hoops & staves . . . . surveyour of Hoops & staves

18ly voted & Chooſe Mr Aſa Perrey & Mr Jacob Upton fence vewers . . . . . fence vewers

19ly voted & Chooſe Mr David Parce sealer of weights & meaſurers . . . . . sealer of weights & measurers

20ly voted & Chooſe Mr Oliver Brown a sealer of Leather . . . . . sealer of Leather

21 voted to paſs over the Third article in the warrant in Regard to Chooſing Collectors at the Preſent or till the meeting on the adjournment

22ly voted to accept of a two Rod Road Laid out By the select men By the Requeſt of Mr Abraham Willard the said willard Engages the Land Given for said Road Begining at sd willard Dwelling Houſe Runing Eaſtardly through the Lot of Land formerly owned By Capt samuell ward & others to the south weſt Corner of the widow whit Combs Land so Called to the Rode Leading to Mr Reubens Smiths the above mentioned Road to be a Bridle Road the treeſe marked principle on the North side of said Rode Laid out By the Select men By the Requeſt of Mr Abraham Willard February 14th 1786

See page 116 for same

Phinehas Hartwell
Oliver Stickney
Abraham willard
} Committee

[271] 23ly voted to accept of a Two Rod Road Newly Laid out Begining on the North end of oak Hill

Runing 30 Rods on the Land of Daniel ferwell to the Land of samuell Harrice then on said Harrices Land till it Comes out By said Harrices Houſe the Land Given By the owners of said Lands the old Road is to be Diſcontinued when the New Road is made paſable this Road Laid out by order of the selectmen March ye 3rd 1786

Joſeph Downe sam^ll^ Harrice impowered

24^ly^ voted to Raiſed one Hundred & fifty pounds to keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the preſent year £150–0–0

25^ly^ voted that the money Raiſed for the Highway Be worked out in the same manner as was voted Laſt year in Regard to the Hour & the ox Labour & tools for the service the preſent year at the highways . . . .

26^ly^ voted & Chooſe the Highway surveyours Collectors to Collect the tax that are not worked out & see it is put to the uſe of the highway service work . . . .

27^ly^ voted that the Loweſt Bidder shall be intitled the priveledge of keeping the poor on the towns Coſt Either by the week or the year . . . .

28^ly^ voted to Give m^r^ Daniel Ferwell ten pounds six shillings to keepe mi^s^ Hart for one whole year so in propotion if shee should not Live the year out . . £10–6– 0–0

29^ly^ voted to Give M^r^ Joſeph Phelps one Shilling & ten pence per week for the Boarding and Lodging Lydea williams the towns poor £0–1–10–

30th voted that the swine Go at Large the preſent year under the Regulation of the Law

31st voted to Chooſe three men as a Committee to settle with Mr Jacob upton in Regard to his money Lent to the Town . . . .

32^ly^ voted Doc^t^ Jonas Marſhall & Mr Elijah Garfield & M^r^ Aſa Perrey as a Committee to settle with m^r^ upton in Regard to his money Lent to the Town in the Time of war & make Report to the Town on the meeting on the adjournment . . . .

33^rdly^ voted to paſs over the article in Regard to Mr Nathan Badcocks Road till the meeting on the adjournment . . . .

34[ly] voted to have the frunt Gallery made Convenant for the singers provided they Dow it on there own Coft for that uſe . . . . .

35[ly] voted to paſs over the 12 article in Regard to M[r] Payſons Gowing to Preach at the weſt part of the Town till the meeting on the adjournment . . .

36[ly] voted to abate Tho[s] Parmler Miniſter Rate in Daniel ferwell Liſt in the year 1780

37[ly] voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the Houſe of Eſqr Cowdens for one ½ hour

38[ly] voted to Diſmiſs M[r] Amos Ordway from serving Highway surveyour he being Chooſe into that office . . .

39[ly] voted that the Loweſt Bidders May be the Collectors to serve the preſent year for each side of the Town to Collect the Publick taxes they finding Good Bondsmen to the acceptance of the town for there faithfull Diſcharge of there Duty as a Collector . . . . .

40[th.ly] voted to adjourn this meeting to the sixteenth Day of this inſtant march two one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting Houſe this meeting adjourned accordingly . . . . .

March y[e] 16th 1786 the Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opned & proceeded to the Buiſeneſs of the Day

41 voted & accepted of the Committees Report in Regard to the settlement with m[r] Jacob upton & allowed m[r] upton Eleven shillings & four pence as his Due

42 voted to Diſmiſs the 12 article in the warrant Reſpecting m[r] payſons Going to preach at the weſt part of the Town in any part of the year . . . . .

[272] 43[rdly] voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the Houſe of Eſqr Cowdens for one half Hour the meeting Being opned & proceeded to the Buiſeneſs of s[d] meeting for the Gitting Colletors moved for a Colletor for the south side of said town & was put up to y[e] Loweſt Bider and was struck of to m[r] Renben smith at three pound one shillings & Nine pence on the Hundred pound for Collecting the publick taxes the preſent year he finding Sufficient Bondsmen to the acceptance of the town

44ly voted & Chooſe Mr Reuben smith Colletor for the south side of sd Town for the preſent year & to allow him the three pound one shilling & Nine pence on the Hundred pound he shall Collect & accepted of Mr Jacob upton & Doct Jonas marſhall as Bondsmen for said Reuben smith for his being faithfull in the Diſcharg of his Duty as a Colletor in Collecting the publick taxes that shall be Committed to him to Collect & pay ye same into the several treaſurers as ordred By the Aſſeſſors of sd town

45th article voted & accepted of Mr Reuben smith to serve Constable in the Room of Mr oliver stickney the preſent year for the whole town in that office . . .

46ly voted to Diſmiſs Amos Ordway from serving Conſtable for the North side of sd town

47th article voted to adjourn this meeting to the twentyth Day of this inſtant march which is munday to the meeting Houſe at Nine of the Clock in the morning this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

March ye 20th 1786 the Town meet according to the Day adjourned to & Proceeded to the Buiſeneſs of the Day the meeting being opned

48th article voted & Reconſidered the vote for Diſmiſsing Mr amos ordway for serving Conſtable for the North side of said town & Chooſe him a New for that office to serve the preſent year and excuſed the said amos ordway from serving Colleter to Collect the publick taxes for his paying in ten Dollars to the Town as the towns property to hire a Colletor for the North side of said town the preſent year in the Room of sd ordway . . . . .

49th arti voted that Mr Nathan Badcock & Mr William Hafkell have the Liberty to work out there Highway tax in making a stone wall on one side of the Highway Leading from said Badcocks Land to the Road that Leads from Levt Pages to the town on the south side of said Road at two shillings a Rod for Building said wall till there High way tax is worked out at that price & the wall finiſhed

50th.ly voted & Chooſe mr Thomas Cowden Jur aſſeſſor for the preſent year to aſſiſt the making the publick taxes

51st article voted to allow Mr Aſeph Goodridge his Highway tax the preſent year for keeping or making the Gates on the way from said Goodridges Land to the Great Road that Leads to the meeting Houſe through mr Burnhams Lands

52nd arti voted to adjourn this meeting to munday the twenty seventh Day of this inſtant march at the meeting houſe at four a Clock in the after noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

[273] 27th of march 1786 The Town meet on the adjournment according to the Time and the meeting being opned & proſeeded to ye Buſineſs of ye Day

53rd ly voted & Chooſe Mr Thomas Starns moderator in the Room of mr Daniel Putnam sd Putnam being Neceſaryly abſent then Recived mr ordways Note for his being excuſed serving Collector of ten Dollars for his time

54 voted to adjourn this meeting to april the 3d Day at the meeting houſe at two of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . . .

april ye 3rd 1786 The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting being opned & proceeded to the Buiſeneſs of the Day . . . . .

55ly voted to adjourn this meeting to half an hour after five a Clock of sd Day in ye after noon by Reaſon that the people not being Collected after the people bing aſſembled . . . . .

56 arti voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the Houſe of Eſqr Cowdens for one half hour the meeting Being opned & proceded as followes it was moved to put up the Collector for the North side of said town it being Bid of to Capt Thomas Hartwell for four pound six shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay into the treaſurer By order

57ly voted to accept of Capt Thomas Hartwell Collector for the North side of sd town for the year 1786 and alſo Deacon John Thurſton & Elijah Garfield as Bondsmen for said Hartwells faithfull Diſcharge of his office as Collector for said year in paying such taxes as shall be Com-

mitted to him to Collect to the treaſurers as ordered for the State & Town & County By the aſſeſſors

58 arti voted to Give Capt Thomas Hartwell four pounds six shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay into the severel treaſurers as shall be ordred By the aſſeſſors of s^{d} town

this Meeting Diſsolved

Daniel Putnam moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worceſter ſs To Mr Reuben smith Conſtable for ye Town of fitchburg Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts theſe are to Require you agreeable to Law to Notifie and warn all the male inhabitance of said Town Being twenty one years of age & upwards having anuel income of three pound or any other Eſtate to the value of sixty pounds to aſſemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in said fitchburg on Munday the third Day of april next at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on ye following articles

firſt to Bring your votes for a Governor

2^{ly} to Bring in your votes for a Lev^{t} Governor

3^{ly} to Bring in your votes for five Senators

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seal this twentyth Day of march 1786 . . . . . Daniel Putnam } selectmen for
Paul weatherbee } Fitchburg

April ye 3rd 1786 In obediance to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the male inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in the within mentioned meeting att the time & Place within Directed

Reuben Smith Constable

[274] att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburg aſsembled April the third 1786 the Meeting being opned

the following Gentlemen voted for as follows for a Governor

	votes	
firſt for his Exellancy James Bordwine Eſq^{r}	1	Governor
for the Honourable Thomas Chuſhen Eſq^{r}	4	Governor
for the Honourable Samuell Holton Esqr	12	Governor

The following Gentlemen voted for Lev^{t} Governor

	votes	
firſt for the Hon^{rll} Thomas Chuſhen Eſq^{r}	1	Lt Governor
for the Hon^{rll} Samuell Holton Eſq^{r}	4	Lt Governor
for the Hon^{rll} Oliver Preſcott Eſq^{r}	11	Lt Governor

The following Gentlemen voted for senators

first for Abel Willder Eſq^{r}	18	Senators
for sam^{ll} Curtiſs Eſq^{r}	17	Senators
for John Fezenton Eſq^{r}	17	Senators
for General Larnard	17	Senators
for Jonathan Grout Eſq^{r}	13	Senators
for Joſiah Stearns	4	Senators

this meeting Diſsolved Atteſt

Daniel Putnam, Thomas stearns, Paul weatherbee } select men For Fitchburg

Atteſt—Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worceſter ſs To Reuben smith Constable for the Town of fitchburg in the County afore said . . . . Greeting . . . .

Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notifie all the male Inhabitanc of fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards having a free hold Eſtate of the annual income of three pounds or any Eſtate of sixty pounds to aſſemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on thurſday the Eighteenth Day of this inſtant may at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to wit

[275] firſt to see if the Town will Elect and Depute any person to serve for and Repreſent them in the Great

an General Court or aſſembley to be held in this Commonwealth on the Laſt wedneſsday in may agreable to the Constetution or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal at fitchburg the firſt Day of may in the year of our Lord 1786

Daniel Putnam
Thomas Stearns
Paul wetherbee
} Selectmen of fitchburg

May ye 18th 1786 In Obedience to this warrant I have warned all the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings as within mentioned to meet at the time & place Directed . . . . .

Ruben Smith Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg aſſembled on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of this inſtant may 1786 ye meeting Being opned & the vote Being put to see if the Town will elect & Depute any perſon to serve for and Repreſent them in ye Great an General Court & it paſſed in the Negetive . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worceſter ſs To Mr Reuben smith Constable for the Town of fitchburg in the County of worceſter aforesaid Greeting . . . . .

Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will and Require you fourthwith to Notifie all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to aſſemble & meete at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on Thurſday the Eighteenth Day of this Inſtant may at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there Being Duely meet & formed to act on the following articles

firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting

2ndly to Bring your votes for a County Treaſurer a Greable to a warrant Directed to the ſelectmen of ſaid Town . . . .

3ly to see if the Town will Diſpoſe of the old paper money that is in the Hand of the Treaſurer of ſaid Town or act any thing there on as they ſhall Think proper . .

Here of fail not make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal this firſt Day of this inſtant may in the year of our Lord 1786

Daniel Putnam } ſelectmen
Thomas Stearns } for
Paul Weatherbee } Fitchburg

May ye 15 1786 In obediance to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg to aſſemble and meet at the Time & place within mentioned . . . .

Reuben smith Conſtable

[276] At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg aſſembled on Thursday ye Eighteenth Day of this Inſtant May 1786

firſt voted & Chooſe Thomas Cowden Eſqr Moderator of sd Meeting

2ly voted for the following Gentlemen for the County Treaſurer

viz Timothy Pain Eſqr No votes 13
Mr Nathan Perry . . . votes 25

3ly voted that the Selectmen take the old Contenental paper money into there Cuſtedy to Diſpoſe of the same at the Beſt advantage they Can for the Intereſt of the Town that is Now in the hands of the Treaſurer of sd Town

4ly voted this meeting to be Diſsolved

Thomas Cowden Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

May ye 27th 1786

Mr Daniel Ferwell of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of s^d^ Town that he hath taken into Town the widow Lucy Ferwell and four Children Namely Lucy Luther John & Daniel Laft from Newipfwich in the state of Newhamfhire we the selectmen of the Town of fitchburg Do not admitt of s^d^ family or Receive them as Inhabitance of s^d^ Town but Defire they may Remove to there Native Place of aboad for Refidence & order the above Declarition to Be entered on the Town Records the above Named perfons Came to town at the above Date

P^r^ order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Auguft ye 8th 1786 Mr Jofeph Farnfworth of s^d^ Fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of s^d^ town that he hath taken into town to my houfe Benjamin Eaton & Lydia his wife & one Child Namly Afa all Laft from Lunenburg we the selectmen of s^d^ Town Do not admitt of the above Named perfons or Receive them as Inhabitance of s^d^ town but Defire them to Remove to there Native Place of aboad for Refidence & support & Do order the above Decleration Entred on the Book of Records the above Named perfons Came to town the fourth Day of July 1786

P^r^ order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

April ye 10th 1786 Dr Jonas Marfhall of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath taken into his family the widow Rebekah Chaffin she Came to Town ye 25th of may 1785 Laft from acton we the selectmen Do not admit her as an Inhabitant of s^d^ Town but Defire her to Remove to her Native place of aboad for Refedence & support & Do order the same to be Recorded on the Book of Records

P^r^ order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[277] (seal) Worcefter fs To Reuben smith Constable for the town of fitchburg in the County of worcefter Greeting . . . . .

Thefe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachufetts to will and Require you in Due Courfe of

Lawe to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſsemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in said Town on munday the Tenth Day of July Next at five of the Clock in the after noon then & there being Duely meet & formend to act on the following articles

firſt to Chooſe a moderator to Govern s^{d} meeting

2^{ly} to see if the Town will vote the aſſeſsors Harmleſs for not making up the state Tax which they have Lately Recived a tax bill for while the Town Can know whether there potition to the General Can have a hearing or not

Here of fail not make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to some one of us on or before the s^{d} Day Given under our hands & seal this 22nd Day of June A D 1786

Daniel Putnam } selectmen for
Paul wetherbee } fitchburg

July 10th 1786 In obedance to the within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town Meeting to aſſemble and meet at the meeting houſe in s^{d} fitchburg at the time within Directed

Reuben smith Conſtable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg aſſembled on Munday ye 10th Day of July 1786

firſt voted & Chooſe M^{r} Aſa Perry moderator to Govern s^{d} meeting

2^{ly} voted to adjourn said meeting to the second tueſday of auguſt Next at one of the Clock in the after noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Auguſt ye 8th 1786 the Town meet on the adjournment in said Day & proceeded to the Buſineſs in hand the meeting being opned a motion put to Diſſolve s^{d} meeting

3^{ly} voted to Diſsolve s^{d} meeting the meeting is accordingly Diſsolved

Aſa Perry moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Auguſt ye 19th 1786 Mr John knights of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath Taken into his Houſe in fitchburg one Poter Davice & Hannah his wife & Hannah Davice there Daughter all Laſt from Jeffery in the state of New hamſhire they came to Town ye 22nd Day of may 1786 we the selectmen of s^d^ Town Do Not admitt of said perſons as Inhabitants of said Town but Deſire them to Remove to there Native place of aboad for Reſedence & support & Do order the same to be Recorded in the book of Records

℈^r^ order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

January 23rd 1787 Mr Benjamin Danforth of Fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath Brought into Town one Betſy Noney she was Born in Lexonton she Came to the Town of Fitchburg in the month of May 1784 we the select men of said Town Do Not admit of said perſon as an inhabitant of said Town but Deſire Her to Remove fourthwith to her Native place of aboad for Reſidence & support and Do order the same to be Recorded in the Book of Records

℈^r^ order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[278] Worceſter ſs To Reuben Smith Constable for the Town of fitchburgh Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie and warn all ye freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the Meeting Houſe in fitchburg on Tuſeday the twelvth Day of September Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there Being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article viz

(seal) (seal) (seal)

1 to Chooſe a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2^ly^ to Raiſe money to support ye Revern^d^ John payſon . . . .

3^ly^ to see what sum or sums of money shall Be Raiſed to support the school & to see what way it shall

be Laid out or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

4^{ly} to Raiſe money to support Mi^{s} Hart and other poor that has become Chargeble to s^{d} Town . . .

5^{ly} to see what methord the Town will take to Gitt m^{r} payſons wood the Inſuing year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

6^{ly} to see if the Town will allow such accounts as shall be Laid before them for service Done for s^{d} Town

7^{ly} to see what sum or Sums of Money the Town will Raiſe to Defray there Neceſsary Charges the preſent year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

8^{ly} to see if the Town will Abate any Perſons Rates in any of the Conſtables or Collectors Liſt that Cant Be Collected . . . . .

9^{ly} to see if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to Recon with the Town treaſurer & make a Report there of to the Town . . . . .

10^{ly} to Chooſe a saxon to take Care the meeting houſe and Digg the Graves for the preſent year . . . . .

11^{ly} to see if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to meaſure the Town in order to aſſertain the Number of acres it Contains. . . . . .

12^{ly} to see if the Town will Raiſe a sum of money to mend the County Road from Joſep Polleys to weſtminſter Line or act any thing theron as they shall think proper

13^{ly} to see if the Town move the meeting Houſe or Build a New one in the Center of the Town or in the Neareſt Convanent place or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrand with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seals at fitchburg this twentieight Day of auguſt A D 1786

Daniel Putnam } Select men
Thomas Stearns } for
Paul wetherbee } fitchburg

Sep^{t} ye 12th 1786 In Obediance to the within warrant I have Notifid all the freeholders and other inhabi-

tance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meeting to aſſemble & meet at time & Place within Directed

Reuben smith Conſtable

[279] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Aſſembled Sep^{t} ye 12th 1786 the meeting Being opned & proceded as forlowes . . .

firſt voted & Chooſe Phinehas Sawyer J^{ur} Moderator of said Meeting . . . .

2^{ly} voted to Raiſe 66-13-4 to support the Revern^{d} John payſon a year £66-13-4

3^{ly} voted to Raiſe £45 to support the school in Each Quarter of the Town 45- 0-0

4^{ly} voted to Chooſe five perſons for a Committee to provide schooling in each Quarter of the Town the school money to be Laid out in Each Quarter of the Town as uſal the Committee are as followes M^{r} Joſeph Phelps Abijah Goodridge Daniel Ferwell Joſeph Fox phinehas sawyer J^{ur} Reuben Gibson J^{ur} aded . . . . .

5^{ly} voted to Raiſe £15–2–4 to support Mi^{s} Hart & Lydea williams already put out to Board to pay Daniel farwell Joſeph Phelps one whole year £15–2–4

6^{ly} voted to paſs over Gitting M^{r} payſons wood till the adjournment of the meeting . . . . .

7^{ly} voted to paſs over the sixth article in Regard to allowing accompts and the accompts to be Laid before the selectmen to Examine there Clames that they may be Juſt & approved of for allowance . . . . .

8^{ly} voted to abate oliver Davices Rate in Capt Burbank Liſt 1783 & John ferwells Liſt for the year 1784 . .

9^{ly} voted to ſuſpend the Eighth article on accomp^{t} of abating Rates till the adjournment of the meeting . . .

10^{ly} .voted to Chooſe a Committee to Recon with the Treaſurer viz Oliver Stickney Thomas Stearns Daniel Putnam . . . .

11 voted & Chooſe Ephraim Kimball to take Care the meeting houſe and Digg the Graves till a Nother be Chooſen in his Room . . .

12 voted to pafs over the article in Regard to mending the County Road by m^r^ Jacob uptons to the Town Line . . . .

13 voted to bnild a New meeting houfe in the Center of the Town or the Neareft Convenant Place to the Center . . . .

14^ly^ voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty sixth Day of this Inftant September at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Sept 26 1786 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opned and proceed as followes . . . .

15 voted to Raife two Hundred & fifty pounds to Difcharge the Minifter and school & pay for the poor & all Neceffary Charges By Dues and accounts . . .

16 voted to Raife Thirty pound to be Laid out on the County Road betwene Jofeph Polleys & the Town Line, exclufive

Towns money	250-0-0
High way money	30-0-0

17 voted to Choofe five men to over see that the thirty pounds be faithfully worked out on s^d^ Road . . .

18 voted & Choofe for s^d^ Committee Abraham Jaquith Hezekiah Hodgfkins Afa Perry Reuben smith Phinehas Brown

19 voted to abate abiather Eaton poll tax in Afa perry Rate Bill for the year 1785

[**280**] 20^ly^ voted the Money Raifed for the Highway be Laid out by the Direction of the Committee or over Sears

21 voted to abate Aaron Eaton poll Tax for the year 1783 in Capt Burbank Lifts . . . .

22 Voted to abate James French poll tax in Capt Burbank Rate Bill which sum is £1- 3-4

23 voted to abate Joel Hale Poll Tax in Capt samuell Burbank Lift which sum is 1- 3-4

24 voted to abate Benjamin Stewards poll Tax in Capt samuell Burbank tax Bill which sum is . . 1- 3-4

25 voted & Choof Phinehas Hartwell & Phinehas Sawyer Ju^{r} to make up and propotion the Thirty pounds Raiſed to mend the highway By the other High way Rate Bill to Each perſon that was made Laſt ſpring

26 voted that Mr Payſons Wood Be Lotted out into six Lotts and Let out at the Loweſt Bidder a Cord by Lott the wood to be Cut Cord wood Length & Corded up at the House of m^{r} payſons

No one. bid of by Leu^{t} Paul wetherbee at five shillings a Cord

No two Bid of by M^{r} Joſeph Phelps at five shillings a Cord

No three Bid of By m^{r} Daniel wetherbee at four shillings & ten pence Cord

No four Bid of By s^{d} Daniel weatherbee at four shillings & ten pence a Cord

No five Bid of By s^{d} Daniel weatherbee at four shillings & ten pence

No six Bid of By s^{d} Daniel wetherbee at four shillings a Coard

voted to Deſolve this meeting the meeting Diſsolved accordingly

Phinehas Sawyer J^{ur} Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Sep^{t} 26 1786 sundrey accounts preſented to the select men and Approved of By them & Returned to the Clerk to be put on Record are as followes

Mr Oliver Stickneys accomp^{t} for service aſſeſing, & other matters	£ 1- 8 6
Due to Daniel Ferwell allowed at s^{d} meeting by ye selectmen	0-14-10
Joſeph Sawyer for smithing & other work for the Town	0- 8 5
Due to Phinehas Hartwell for serving treaſurer two years and ½ & as an aſſeſsor to making Rates & other service.	11- 4- 0
Due to Thomas Stearns for Aſſeſsor and other service	3-13- 6
Due to Reuben smith for service for s^{d} Town .	0- 6- 0

the above accounts voted to be paid By the Town

[281] Worceſter ſs To Reuben Smith Conſtable for the Town of fitchburg in the County of worceſter (seal) Greeting Theſe are In the Name of the Common- (seal) wealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you (seal) fourthwith By verble Notice to Notific & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the meeting houſe in fitchburg on Tuſeday the twelveth Day of this Inſtant Sep^{t} at four of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

firſt to Chooſe a moderator to Govern s^{d} meeting . .

2^{ly} to see if the Town will vote that the aſſeſsors may Committ the Taxes to Reuben smith without any bondsman as the Bondsmen that the town Accepted Refuſe to sign the Bonds that are preſented to them or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

Here of fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hands & seal this fourth Day of Sep^{t} A D 1786

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Thomas Stearns } for
Paul weatherbee } fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg aſſembled Sep^{t} ye 12th 1786 . . . . .

1^{ly} voted & Chooſe Mr Phinehas sawyer J^{ur} Moderator of said meeting

2^{ly} voted that the Aſſeſsors Committ the state tax to Reuben smith Conſtable and all other aſſeſments for the south sid of s^{d} Town that may be aſſeſed this preſent year without a bondsman To Collect & pay where ordred

this Meeting Diſsolved

Phinehas sawyer J^{ur} Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[282] Fitchburg Sept 22nd 1786 Then Reckned & settled Phinehas Hartwell Town Treaſurer for the years from 1784 to the above Date . . . . .

we Find in the Hands of the several Conſtables & Collectors hereafter mentioned the following sums viz

We Finde in the Hands of Jonathan Holt Conſtable for ye year 1778 . . . . . 5-13- 6-3

we find that Mr James Patterſon Conſtable for ye year 1779 hath over paid his Colletion for s^d^ year By abatements on s^d^ Liſts By the Town one pound one shilling four pence one fathing 1- 1- 4-1

we finde a state Recept Towns property for ye year 1780 Dated April 28th 1781 in the Treafurers hand aganſt Phinehas Hartwell the Remains Due at this settlement . . . 38- 9 8 -

one miniſter Rate bill y^t^ Due in the hands of s^d^ Hartwell . . . . . 13 19 0 -

we find in the Hand of Daniel Ferwell Conſtable for ye year 1780 Town tax 48- 4 1-1

we find in the Hand of samuel Burbank Collector for the year 1781 to 1783 . . . . 34- 5- 2-3

Due on a state Recip^t^ in the hand of the treaſurer Dated June 13 1782 alſo one Miniſter Rate bill for ye year 1783 in part Due . . 1- 7- 7 -

& alſo one souldier Rate bill for ye year 1782 not settled ye sum of 90-16- 0-2

we find in the hand of Capt Reuben Gibson Collector in ye year 1781 Town tax . . . 55- 2-11-1

and alſo a state Receipt Town property Due from s^d^ Gibson Dated June 14th 1782 . . 32-18- 6 -

we find in the Hand of Joſeph Phelps Collector for ye year 1782 Town Tax 9-15- 8-1

and alſo one miniſter Rate bill yet Due for ye year 1782 . . . . . 37- 5-10-0

and one souldier bill not settled for s^d^ year . 89-15-11-3

we find in the Hand of Capt Thomas Hartwell Conſtable for ye year 1783 town tax . . 18- 4- 0 -

we find in ye hand of John Ferwell Conſtable for ye year 1784 Town tax 13-10- 6-3

we find in ye hand of De^a^ John Thurſton Collector for ye year 1784 Town tax . . . 15-11- 4-1

we find in ye hand of Phinehas sawyer Ju^r^ Collector for ye year 1785 Town tax . . . 72- 2- 5 -

alſo one miniſter Rate bill for the year 1785 yet Due 27- 1- 1-1
we find in the hand of Aſa Perry Collector for ye year 1785 Town Tax . . . . . 103- 7- 3 –
& alſo one miniſter Rate for ye year 1785 . . 34– 1- 6-2
the Treaſurer is to Be allowed six pound four ſhilling for money Borrowed for s^d^ Town Due to s^d^ Treaſurer in the settlement . . 6- 4– 0-0

we find the following Notes in the Treaſurers hand Due from the following perſons
one Note Dated April 2 1781 signed by Capt Burbank £3-12- 0
one Note Dated march 9 1781 signed by Capt Reuben Gibson 3-12- 0
second Note Dated march 17 1783 signed By Capt Burbank 3-12- 0
one Note Dated march 15 1784 signed By Joſeph polley 3- 0- 0
one Note Dated may 16 1783 signed By Thos Hartwell 3-12- 0
one Note Dated signed By francis fullam . . 2- 2- 0
one Note Dated april 8 1784 signed by Jno ferwell 3- 0- 0
one Note Dated april 4 1785 signed by Jon^a^ Page 3- 0- 0
one Note Dated march 27 1786 sign^d^ by Amos ordway 3- 0- 0

Oliver Stickney
Thomas Stearns } Committee
Daniel Putnam

Laid before the Town & Accepted at sept^ 26 1786 . .
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[283] Worceſter ſs

(seal) (seal) To Reuben Smith Conſtable for the Town of fitchburg in the County of worceſter Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts to will and Require you in Due Courſe of

Law to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to affemble & meet at the meeting Houfe in s^d^ Town on wednefsday ye fifteenth Day of this Inftant November at one of the Clock in the after Noon on s^d^ Day then & there being Duly meet & form^ed^ to act on the following articles . . . . .

firft to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting . .

2^ly^ to see what method the Town will Take to support Ephr^m^ smith and his family which the Town of worcefter hath Lately turned upon the Town of fitchburg for a support or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

3^ly^ to see if the Town of fitchburg will take any Lawfull Method to Gitt Red of supporting the said Ephr^m^ and his family & Choofe a Committee for that purpofe or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant to some or one of us on or before s^d^ Day

Given under our Hand & seals this firft Day of November A D 1786

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul weatherbee } for Fitchburg

Worcefter fs Nov^m^ 15th 1786

By vertue of this warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Quallified By Law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble & meet at the meeting houfe at the time within Directed

Reuben Smith Conftable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg afsembled Nov^m^ ye 15th 1786 the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

firft voted & Choofe Efqr Cowden Moderator of s^d^ meeting

2^ly^ voted that Ephr^m^ Smiths and family be Supported by Putting out to the Loweft Bidder by the week . . .

3ly voted that the second article in the warrant be omitted till the evining for vanduing

4ly voted to Chooſe a Committee to Carrey into Execution the Cauſe of Ephrm Smith and family being thrown on the Town of fitchburg for support and to Releve said town from sd family . . . .

5ly voted to Chooſe three perſons as a Committee for the above porpoſe . . . .

6ly voted & Chooſe Dea Daniel Putnam Dr Jonas Marſhall & Eſqr Cowden for said Committee to Carry the Matter into Execution . . . .

7ly voted to adjourn this meetting to the Houſe of Eſqr Cowdins for one half Hour the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows the second article taken in hand

[284] the second article taken in hand the vandue opned Proceded as follows

Jonas Smith Bid of by Mr Joſeph Phelps for 1/9 pr week Board & Lodge

Iſarel Smith Bid of By mr Blaney Phillips for 1/11 pr week Bord & Lodge

The woman & the youngeſt Child Bid of by Capt Jonathan wood for 3/10 pr week to support

Ephraim Smith Bid of By Capt Jonathan wood for 5/6 pr week to support

8ly voted to allow Capt Jonathan Wood 3/6 for moving said Ephrm & wife & Child to his houſe with there furniture . . . . .

9ly voted to allow Colo Ebenezer Bridge 6/ for the uſe of his houſe for sd smiths family while he ware Supported there . . . . .

voted to Diſsolve this meeting . . . . .

Thomas Cowden Eſqr Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) (seal) Worceſter ſs To Reuben smith Conſtable for ye Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forth with in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and other of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By

Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meete at the meeting House in s[d] Town Tuesday the sixteenth Day of January Instant at one of the Clock in the af after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz . . . . .

1[ly] to Choose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2[ly] to Here the Address Read that was sent from the Great & General Court of this Commonwealth as is Directed in said addres . . . . .

3[ly] to see if the Town will Choose a Committee to Purchase Certificates to make Good such abatements as have been or must be abated

4[ly] to see if the Town will Excuse and Dismis any of the Late Committee Choose to Gitt Read of Ephraim Smith & family or add any person or persons more to said Committee or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

5[ly] to see if the Town will petition to the Governor & Counsell in behalf of the Insurgents or Regulators as they Call them selves or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowing thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this first Day of January A D. 1787 . . . .

Daniel Putnam }
Thomas Stearns } selectmen

[285] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg assembled on Tuesday the sixteenth Day of January 1787 the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

1[ly] voted & Choose M[r] Kendall Boutell moderator of said meeting . . . . .

2[ly] proceeded according to the Directions of the second article in the warrant to Reed the addres before the Town that Came from the General Court . . . . .

3[ly] voted to Choose a Committee to Purchase Certificates to Discharge the abatements made or must be made in the state tax in the several Collectors Lists as Cheepe to the best advantage of the Town . . . . .

4ly voted to Chooſe three perſons as a Committee viz the preſent selectmen to purchaſe said Certificates as Cheepe a may be for the advantage of the Town . . .

5ly voted to paſs over the fourth article in the warrant

6ly voted to petition to the Government to have the Courts of Common plea and of the seſſeſions be suſpended till the Choice of a New Repreſentitive Houſe for the may seſſions for a Nother year

7ly voted to petition to Government to Liberate Capt shattick and others that are apprehended By Government on there promiſing to behave peaſible and faithfull subjects to this Commonwealth

8ly voted to petition to the Government that the people may have the privelidge of the writ habeas Corpuſs

9ly voted to Chooſe three perſons for a Committee to Draw a petition to send to the General Court for the above purpoſe viz Phinehas Hartwell Elijah willard & Ephraim Kimball . . . . .

10ly voted to adjourn this meeting till the 30th Day of this inſtant January at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . .

January ye 30th 1787 the Town meet according to the adjournment & the meeting being opened & proceeded as follows the petition being several times Reed before the Town . . . . .

11ly the Town voted to accept of the petition Drawn by the Committee & have it sent to the General Court

Likewiſe the meeting Diſsolved

Kendall Boutell Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Mr Aſa Perry of the Town of Fitchburg Gave Notice To The Seleetmen of said Town That one seaſer Hammond and wife & four Children viz Levi & Perley & patty & marcy moved into the Town of Fitchburg on the Eighteenth Day of March 1787 moved Laſt from the Town of Sterling which we the seleetmen of Fitchburg Do not admitt of said family as Town Inhabitants But Do order & Deſire said perſons to Remove forthwith to their Native Place of Reſedance for support & Do order the same to be

put on the Book of Records of their Not being admitted as inhabtants

℈ order

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

December 20th 1787

[**286**] (seal) Worceſter ſs To Reuben smith Conſtable for the Town of fitchburg Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will and Require you fourthwith in Due Corſe of Law to Notifie and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulafied By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in ſaid Town on Thurſday the Eight Day of June Next at three of the Clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

1st Chooſe a Moderator to Govern sd meeting

2ly to see if the Town will Take into Conſideration the heavy Burdens we Labour under in Regard to our publick affairs & act any thing thereon as they shall think proper it being Requeſted by a Number of the Inhabitants of said Town . . . . .

Hereof fail Not. make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seal this 23rd Day of may A D. 1786 . . . . .

Daniel Putnam }
Paul wetherbee } selectmen

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg aſſembled June ye 8th 1786 . . . . .

firſt voted and Chooſe Mr Aſa Perry Moderator

2ly voted to Chooſe a Committee to take into Conſideration the Circumſtances of the Town as it is Burdned & Redreſs in Relief thereof to the General Court

3ly voted to Chooſe five perſons as a Committee for the above purpoſe

4ly voted & Chooſe Mr Robert Burnham Daniel Putnam Thomas Stearns Elijah willard Phinehas Hartwell for sd Committee

5ly voted that the Committee should make a Draught of a Letter to Lay before the Town at the meeting on the Jurnment to send to the Towns in the County of worceſter for Calling a County Convention

6ly voted to adjourn this meeting to thurſday the twenty second Day of this inſtant June at three of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is according adjourned

June ye 22nd 1786 the Town meet on the adjournment the meeting being opned and proceeded to the Buſineſs in hand . . . . .

7ly voted to accept of the petition as it is Draughted By the Committee Now preſented to the Town and that the seleetmen have sd petition Commited to some faithfull perſon to Lay before the General Court for a hearing

8ly voted to Chooſe a man to meet in Convention appointed by the Towns in the County of worceſter to take into Conſideration the public affairs of this Commonwealth Likewiſe made Chooſe of mr Elijah willard to meet and serve the town in a Convention for the above purporſe

9ly voted to adjourn this meeting to munday the Tenth Day of July Next at five a Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

July ye 10th 1786 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned the Town proceeded as follows

[287] 10ly voted the Town shall Give Mr Elijah Willard inſtructions in Regard to his meeting in the County Convention to Lay before the members that shall attend in that Convention to Diſcover the minds of the Town at there next Convening together

11ly voted that the former Committee that was firſt Chooſen in this meeting with the addition of two other perſons viz mr William Brown & mr Paul Wetherbee shall be a Committee to Draw up inſtructions for mr Elijah willard to Lay before the Convention to Diſcover the minds of the Town Likewiſe the Inſtructions to be Reported the Next meeting for acceptance by the Town

12ly voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Tuefday in auguft Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Auguft ye 8th 1786 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned motioned that the inftructions be Reed before the town for acceptance article by article the firft article accepted second alfo and the third & forth & fifth & sixth & seventh all as they stand Drawed up for the inftructions to meet in Convention

13ly voted to adjourn this Meeting to the second Tuesday of September [12D] next at four a Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Sept ye 12th 1786 the Town meet on the ajournment the meeting being opned & heard the proceedings of the Convention and Likewife voted to adjourn this meeting to the firft tuefday in october [3rd Day] Next at three of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . . .

October ye 3rd 1786 the Town affembled according to there adjournment the meeting being opned to here the proceedings of the Conventions & there petition sent to the General Court Reed before the Town the Town voted to adjourn this meeting to the third Tuefday in November Next at two of the Clock in the after noon the meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

November 21 1786 the Town meet according to there adjourment the meeting being opned to here the proceedings of the Convention the people attending sd meeting voted to adjourn sd meeting to the Thurd tuefday in January [16 D] Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned

January 16 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the moderator being Neceffaryly abfent the selectmen with the Clerk with the advice of the people prefent a motioned was made and seconded to have this meeting adjourned to the 30th Day of this inftant January

at one of the Clock in the after Noon the vote paſsed for the ajourment accordingly the meeting is adjourned

January ye 30th 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned

14^ly^ voted that m^r^ Elijah willard attend the Convention at there Next Convenеing & Likewiſe voted to Defend m^r^ willard property in Caſe he should be taken in perſon by Government for attending the Convention in Caſe he behaves in a peaceable orderly manner other ways he is to Refk it himſelf . . . . .

15^ly^ voted to adjourn this meeting to the firſt Monday in March Next at four 'Colck in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phi^s^ Hartwell Clerk

march ye 5th 1787 the Town being meet at the time of the adjournment & it was motioned to adjourn this meeting to the twelth inſtant at one of the clock in the afternoon the meeting is Accordingly adjourned.

March ye 12 1787 the Town meet on the adjournment then having Recived a Circular Letter from a Committee from Lunenburg Directing to send a perſon to meet a Committe in worceſter at paches taveran to Look out Good & wiſe men to set as senators for the preſent year The committee is to meet on the Laſt munday in march at three a Clock in the after Noon at said patchs Taveran the Town Taken the matter under Conſideration & voted to send Deacon Daniel Putnam as a menber to meete the Committee of the several Towns in the County of worceſter for the Looking out Good & wiſe men to serve in the senate the preſent year & make Return to the Town of there Dowings before the time of Chooſing said offices

[288] February ye 15th 1787 Then Came to Live in this Town by the Conſent of Doc^t^ Jonas Marſhall Benjamin Jaquith & his wife Pheby & family there Names are as follows Benjamin Iſaac Joſiah Reuben Aſa his sons Daughters Names Pheby Hannah Lydea all Laſt from Jeffrey in New Hamſhire which said Doc^t^ marſhall Gave timely Notice to the Selectmen of said fitchburg of Said familys Comeing to town & the place of there Laſt Reſidence.

we the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg under Due Consideration Do not admit of Said Benjamin Jaquith & wife & family as inhabitants of Said fitchburg but Defire them to Remove to there Native place of aboad for Support & Do order the same to be Recorded in the book of Records

T^r^ order of Selectmen
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) (seals) Worceſter ſs To Thomas Cowden J^ur^ one of the Constables of the Town of of fitchburg in said County . . . . . Greeting . . . . . Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſsachuſetts to will and Require you by verble warning as the Law Directs to Notifie and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on munday the Nineteenth Day of this Inſtant march at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^ly^ to see what method the Town will Take to Repair the Great Bridge by Capt John Goodridges or act any thing theiron as they shall Think proper . . . . .

3^ly^ to see if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to take Care of the Great Bridges the preſent year

Here of fail Not and make a Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us on or before said Day and Time Given under our Hands & seals at fitchburg this fourteenth Day of march 1787 . . .

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul weatherbee } for fitchburg

Worceſter ſs March ye 19th 1787 In Obediance to this warrant I have warned all the free Holders and other Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg to meet at ye time and place within mentioned

Thomas Cowdin J^ur^ Conſtable

at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Aſsembled March ye 19 1787

firſt voted & Chooſe Daniel Putnam moderator to Govern s^d^ meeting . . . . .

2^ly^ voted to Repair the Great Bridge by Capt Goodridges Emeadiately in the place Now stands

3^ly^ voted to Chooſe a Committee to see to the Repairing of the Great Bridge the Committee Conſiſt of three men viz M^r^ Aſa Perry & Capt John Goodridge & Capt Jonathan Wood for the over seeing the Repairing of the Bridge

4^ly^ voted that the Bridge be Repaired by New string peaces if wanting & with king poſts with Iron Sturrups to Confine the king poſts to the under Gurt . . .

[289] 5^ly^ voted to Lett out the Gitting of the Neceſsary Timber for the bridge to the Loweſt bidder by the stick or sticks as the Committee shall Think beſt to Repair the Bridge and Likewiſe the Plank for the Covering of said bridge . . . .

6^ly^ voted to Chooſe a Committee to Take Care the Great Bridges the preſent year this Committee Conſiſt of three men viz Deacon Kendell Boutell & Ephraim Kimball and M^r^ Aſa Perry to inſpect the Bridges and to Repair them in the Cheepeſt way for the Benifit of the Town

7^ly^ voted to Diſsolve this meeting accordingly the meeting is Diſsolved

Daniel Putnam moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) (seals) (seals) Worcester ſs To Reuben Smith Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts To will & Require you fourthwith in Due Courſe of Law to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to Aſſemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on Munday the fift Day of Next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to wit . . . . .

firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern s[d] meeting

2[ly] to Chooſe a Town Clerk and ſelectmen & other Town offices as the Law Directs or act any thing in Regard to the Choice of Collectors as they ſhall think proper

3[ly] to see if the Town will accept of ſuch Roads as are Laid out by the ſelectmen or there order or Diſcontinue any old Road or act any thing there on as they ſhall think proper

4[ly] to see what ſum or ſums of money the Town will Raiſe to keep the Highways & Bridges in Repair the preſent year or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

5[ly] to see what meaſure the Town will Take to ſupport the poor that are become Chargeble to ſaid Town or act any thing their on as they ſhall Think proper . .

6[ly] to see if the Town will abate any perſons Rates or any part there of in any of the former Conſtables or Collectors Lift or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

7[ly] to see if the Town will allow ſuch accounts as Shall be Laid before the Town for Service for s[d] Town or act any thing thereon as they ſhall Think proper

8[ly] to see if the Town will vote the Swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law y[e] preſent year

Here of fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to ſome one of us on or before the s[d] Day Given under our Hands & ſeals this ſixteenth Day of February A D 1787

Daniel Putnam, Thomas Stearns, Paul wetherbee } ſelectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs March y[e] 5th 1787

By virtue of the within warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble and meet at the Time & place within mentioned

Reuben Smith Conſtable

[290] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſſembled on March ye 5th 1787

firſt voted & Chooſe M^r^ Aſa Perry Moderator. . . . Moderator

2^ly^ voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

3^ly^ voted & Chooſe De^a^ Daniel Putnam Paul wetherbee David M^c^intire Selectmen for the preſent year . . . selectmen

4^ly^ voted that the Selectmen be the Aſſeſſors for s^d^ year . . . . . Aſſeſſors

5^ly^ Voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Town Treaſurer . . . . . Town Treaſurer

6^ly^ voted & Chooſe Leut Seth Phillips for a Conſtable for the south side of said Town for the preſent year . . Conſtable

7^ly^ voted & Chooſe Samuell Gibson for a Conſtable for the North part of s^d^ town . . . . . Conſtable

8 voted to Chooſe the under offices by Hand votes

9 voted & Chooſe Capt Jonathan Wood & Phin^s^ Brown wardens . . . . . Wardens

10^ly^ voted & Chooſe Thomas Thurſton & Joſeph Downe Tything men . . . . . Tything men

11^ly^ voted & Chooſe Abijah Goodridge & Hezekiah Hodgſkins & Kendel Boutell & Amos Sheldon Thomas Cowden Ju^r^ Jonathan Flint Solomon Calton william Brown John Thurſton J^ur^ Eliphalet perley for highway Surveyours the preſent year Joſeph Gray & Seth Phillip in the Room of Cowden & Sheldon . . Highway surveyours

12^ly^ voted & Chooſe Phinehas sawyer J^ur^ John Ozburn John Shiple Daniel wetherbee Andrew Goodel Hogreves . . Hogreve

13^ly^ voted & Chooſe Abraham Gibson Ju^r^ Capt Thomas Hartwell . . . . . Fire wards

14^ly^ voted & Chooſe John upton Surveyour of board Claboards & shingles . . . surveyour of board Claboards shingles

15^ly^ voted & Chooſe Jacob Upton & Capt sam^ll^ Burbank . . . . . Fence Vewers

16ly voted & Chooſe Benjamin Kemp surveyour of Hoops & staves . . . . . Hoops & staves

17ly voted & Chooſe David Parce a Sealer of meaſurers & weight . . . . . weights & meaſurers

18ly voted & Chooſe Moſes Hale a Sealer of Leather . . sealer of Leather

19ly voted to suſpend the Third article till the adjournment Concerning the Roads . . . . .

20ly voted to Raiſe one Hundred & fifty pounds to keep the Highways and Bridges in Repair the preſent year 150–0–0

21ly voted that Every Highway surveyour that Receives a Liſt of fifteen pound to work out shall Go with six hands on the Road up by Mr Jacob Uptons to work so in propotion more or Leſſer sums the preſent year

[291] 22ly voted that the money Raiſed to Mend the Highways be Laid out as was Laſt year by the Hour & oxen a Day & Tools for that service as was allowed the Laſt year . . . .

23 voted that the money to be worked out that was to mend the Highway by the firſt of November Next and the surveyours is to make a Return of there Liſts to the Aſſeſsors by the middle of sd November with there Dowings thereon . . . .

to ad the Delinquent perſons to the Town Rate bill that hath not worked there Rate out that the money may be Collected by the Conſtable . . . .

24ly voted that mrs Hart be Bid of at the Loweſt bidder by the year

25ly voted that the other poor be bid of by the week while they Remain a Town Charge

voted to paſs over putting out the poor for the preſent

26ly voted that the selectmen inſpect the Collectors Rate Bills on accompts of seeing what perſons Rates muſt Neceſsaryly be abated & Lay the matter before the Town for there acceptance at the adjournment . . . .

27 voted to allow Capt Jonathan Wood his account for providing for mis smith & Nuſsing said woman in Child Baring which sum is 2–4–0–0

28 voted to allow Mr Blaney Phillips his accompt

for keeping Ifral smith twelve weaks and other matters as appears by said accompt & Cloathing for s[d] Boy . . 1-9-0-0

29 voted to allow M[r] Thomas Stearns his account as an Affefsor for the whole of the year 1786 & other matters from y[e] 12 of september Laft 1-5-3-0

30—voted to Let the swine Run at Large under the Regulation of the Law the prefent year

31 voted to Excufe M[r] samull Gibson from serving Conftable for the North side of said Town his paying three pounds to the Town for his being Excufed & serves for his turn

32—voted to allow Paul Wetherbee his accompt for Neefsary buifinefs for service for the Town . . 0-13-6-

33—voted to adjourn this meeting to the houfe of Efq[r] Cowdens for one half hours

the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

34 voted to pay M[r] John Ozburn six pound & six pence for supporting mi[s] Hart one whole year so in propotion if she should not Live the year out then proceeded provide for M[r] Ephraim smiths family

firft—Ephraim smith Bid of to Cap[t] John Goodridge to board at 1/4 a week Labour in while boarding

2—Mr[s] smith bid of & one Child to Leu[t] seth Phillips at 1/11 a week while she stays there

3—Ifral smith bid of to David Hodgfkins at 1/4 a week to Lodge & board

4—Eli smith Bid of to william Reed at 2/3 a week to Lodge & board

5—Lydia williams bid of by Afeph Goodridge at 1/8 a week to Lodg & board

35[ly]—voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Munday of this inftant march at one of the Clock in the after Noon at the Meeting Houfe this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

March y[e] 12 1787 the Town meet at the Time of adjournment the meeting being opned proceeded as follows

36—voted that the Loweft Bidder may be the Collector to serve the prefent year for each side of said Town

to Collect the publick Taxes they finding Good Bondsman to the acceptance of the Town for the faithfull Diſcharge of there Duty in all there Collections . . . .

[292] 27^{ly} voted to allow Deacon Daniel Putnam his account for services Done in the Towns behalf to march ye 5 1787 Excluſive aſſeſing buſineſs . . £1-s12-d0

28^{ly} voted to adjourn this Meeting Down to the Houſe of Eſqr for one Half Hour

the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows . . .

Jonas Smith bid of by M^{r} Joſeph Phelps he allowing s^{d} boy two pair of Trouſes and one Toe Shirt provided he should stay in Town

29^{ly} Thomas Cowden J^{ur} Bid of the Collecting of the publick Taxes on the south side of said Town at three pound ten shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay in to the Treaſurer

30^{thly} voted to accept of Leu^{t} Seth Phillips in the Room of Thomas Cowden to Collect the Taxes on the south side of said Town at the three pound ten shilling on ye hundred he shall Collect & pay in where ordred so in propotion for a Greator or Leſser sum he should Colect & pay in 3-10-0-

31^{ly} Thomas Cowden Junr Bid of the Collecting of the publick Taxes on the North side of said Town for three pound Twelve shillings on the Hundred pound he shall Collect & pay in where ordred so in propotion wheather a Greater or Leſſer sum 3-12-0

32 voted to accept of Mr Blany Phillips & Capt John Goodridge as bondsman for Leu^{t} seth Phillips for the faithfull Diſcharg of his Duty in Collecting the publick money & paying the same in & where ordred with the County & Town Taxes Likewiſe . . . .

33 voted to accept of Mr David M^{c}intire & Leu^{t} Paul Wetherbee as bondsmen for Thomas Cowdin J^{ur} for the faithfull Diſcharg of his Duty in Collecting the publick Taxes & paying the same in & where ordred with the County & Town Taxes Likewiſe . . . . .

34^{thly} voted & Chooſe Thomas Cowden J^{ur} Conſtable for the North side of said Town in the Room of Samuell Gibson for the year 1787

35 voted that the bonds be made out and the parties all sign the bonds before the meeting be Diſsolved

36 voted that the selectmen or Aſſeſsors be impowerd to abate any of the Taxes in the hands of any of the old Collectors or Conſtables that appears not Recoverable & not Legualy aſſeſed

37^{ly} voted that this meeting be adjourned to the firſt munday in April Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting Houſe this meeting is accordingly adjourned

April ye 2nd 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned proceeded as follows

38 voted & Chooſe Joſeph Gray in the Room of Amos Shelden Highway surveyour

39 voted & Chooſe Leu^{t} Seth Phillips Highway surveyour in the Room of Thomas Cowdin J^{ur} . . . . .

30^{thly} voted to accept of Leu^{t} Paul wetherbee as Bonds man for Thomas Cowden Ju^{r} in the Room of Amos Ordway

voted To Diſsolve This meeting

Aſa Perry Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell T Clerk

[293] Worceſter ſs To Leu^{t} Seth Phillips Conſtable for the Town of fitchburg Greeting . . . Theſe (Seal) (Seal) are in The Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you in Due Corſe of Law fourthwith to Notifie all the male Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg of Twenty one years of age & upwards haveing a freehold Eſtate within this Commonwealth of the annual income of three pounds or any Eſtate of sixty pounds to aſſemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on Munday the scond Day of april Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

firſt to Give in your votes for a Governour

2^{ly} to Give in your votes for a Leu^{t} Governour

3^{ly} to Give in your votes for five Senators for the year in suing

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day above mentioned Given under our hands & seals this Nineteenth Day of this inſtant march and in the year of our Lord 1787 . . . .

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul Wetherbee } for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs April ye 2nd A D 1787

In obediance to this warrant I have Notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulafied to vote in this meeting as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Conſtable

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſſemble on Munday the second Day of April 1787

firſt voted & Chooſe for a Governor his Excelleney No
James Bowdin No of votes 5
voted for the Honourable John Hancock Eſq^r for Governor No votes 56
voted for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Eſq^r for Governour No votes —3
2^ly the following Gentlemen ware voted for Leu^t Governors
votes for the Honourable Thomas Cuſhen Eſq^r Leu^t Govrnour No of votes 39
votes for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Eſq^r Leu^t Governor No of votes —5
3^ly The following Gentlemen ware voted for Senators
votes for the Honourable Abel Wilder No of votes 50
votes for Jonathan Grout Eſq^r votes No 47
votes for De^a Joſeph stone votes No — 47
votes for Capt Peter penneman votes No — 47
votes for samuell Curtiſs Eſq^r votes No — 47
vots for Isral Nicholas Eſq^r vots No — 2
vots for Moſes Gill Eſq^r votes No — 1
votes for Samuell Baker Eſq^r vots No — 2
vots for Cap samll ward . . . . . vots No — 1
John Feſendon Eſq^r No — 1

Seth warſhburn Eſq[r] No 1
Bezelel Tafts . . . . . No – 1

Daniel Putnam, Paul Wetherbee, David Meintire } Select men for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

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Worceſter ſs
April y[e] 4th 1787 } This may Certifie that the Several offices Required By Law Have Taken There oaths as Required by Law & Likewiſe Subſcribed the oath of Ellegiance to this Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts to Qulifie them to act in there Reſpective offices accordingly . . . . .

subſcribed the oath of elegence as Requird by Law } Phinehas Hartwell Taken the oaths by Law for Town Clerk & Treaſurer
Daniel Putnam & Paul Wetherbee & David M[c]intire Taken the oaths selectmen & Aſſeſsors . . . . .

Seth Phillips & Thomas Cowdin J[ur] Taken the oaths by Law for . . . . . Conſtables & Collectors

Cap[t] Jonathan Wood & Phinehas Brown Taken the oath Required by Law . . . . . wardens

Joſeph Downe & Lu[t] Thomas Thurſton Taken the oath Required by Law . . . . . Tything men

Cap[t] sam[ll] Burbank Fence vewer Taken his oath . . Fencevewer

David Parce Chooſen a sealer of meaſurers Taken his oath . . . . . sealer of meaſurers

John Thurſton J[ur] & Abijah Goodridge Eliphalet perley Taken y[e] oath . . . . . Highway surveyours

worceſter ſs

march y[e] 3[d] 1788 This Certifies The Several offices hereafter Named hath Taken the oath required by Law

Phinehas Hartwell Taken The oath Required by Law for a Town Clerk

Liu[t] Paul Wetherbe Reuben Smith John Thurſton J[ur] Taken The Oath for Aſſeſsors

Reuben Smith has Taken the Oath Required for a Conſtable for y[e] year 1788

Daniel Ferwell has Taken the Oath Required for a Collector for ye year 1788

Jacob Allen & Stephen Pingrey J^ur^ Taken the Oath Required for Tything men

Joſeph Fox Samuell Burbank Abner Sawyer Taken ye Oath for Highway Surveyours

Ebenezer Thurſton Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve as Town Treaſurer

Moſes Hale Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve Sealer of Leather

Fitchburg April 1st 1788 Mr Hezekiah Hodgskins appeared before Eſq^r^ Cowden hath Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve as Conſtable & Likewiſe The Oath of Ellegiance to this Commonwealth to Qualifie him to act in his Reſpective office

Fitchburg April 12th 1788 This Certifies That Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer Thurſton & John Thurſton J^ur^ Paul wetherbee Reuben Smith appeared before Eſq^r^ Cowden & Took and Subſcribed The Oath of Allegiance to this Commonwealth to Qualifie them according to Law to act in Their Reſpective officeſes for the year 1788

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

Worceſter ſs March ye 16th 1789 Phinehas Hartwell Clerk Ebenezer Thurſton Town Treaſurer Moſes Hale Conſtable Paul wetherbee John Thurſton J^ur^ Reuben Smith all Select men Did appear before Eſq^r^ Cowden Subſcribed the Oath of Ellegiance to this Commonwealth of maſſachuſetts to Qualifie them to act in there Reſpective Offices accordingly Recorded Pr Phin^s^ Hartwell Town Clark

m^r^ Moſes Hale Taken the oath to serve in the office of Conſtable

Lu^t^ Thomas Thurſton & William Reed Taken the oath to serve in the office Tything men

[295] Worceſter ſs To Thomas Cowdin J^ur^ of the Conſtables for ye Town of fitchburg in said County Greeting . . . . . Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will and Require you in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the Male Inhabitants of twenty one years old

(seals)
(seals)
(seals)

& upwards in said Town Qualified as the Conſtetution Directs to vote for a Repreſentetive to Aſſemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in said Town on wednefsday the sixteenth Day of may next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz

firſt to Elect and Depute some Meet perſon Qulified as the Conſtetution Directs to Reprſent said Town in the Great an General Court the year inſuing or act any thing thereon in Regard to the Towns Givin Inſtructions to the said Repreſentetive as they shall think proper . . . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seal this Thirtith Day of April 1787

Daniel Putnam } Select men
Paul wetherbee } For
David Mcintire } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs Fitchburg May ye 16th 1787

In obediance to the within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants Qulified by Law to vote for a Repreſentetive to meet at the time and Place within mentioned

Thomas Cowden Jur Conſtable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſſembled May ye 16th 1787 the meeting being opened the Queſtion being put to see if the Town will send a menber to Repreſent them in the Great an General Court the inſuinging year & it paſſed in the affermitive then proceed & made Choice of Deacon Daniel Putnam to Reprſent said Town During the Genral ſeſſions

2ly voted to Chooſe five Men for a Committee to Draw up inſtructions to inſtruct there Repreentetive During the General ſeſſions

3ly voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Rorbart Burnham oliver stickney Elijah willard Aſa Perry for the above purpoſe . . . . .

voted to adjourn this meeting to the Eigheenth Day of this inſtant may at two of the Clock in the affter Noon

to here and accept of the Report of the Committee to inftruct there Repreſentetive During the Seſſions

May ye 18 1787 The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting being opned & proceed as follows voted to have the inftructions Read before the Town article by article then proceeded as follows article firſt accepted as stand article Second accepted as stands article Third accepted as stands article fourth accepted as stands article fifth accepted as stands article sixth accepted as stands article seventh accepted article Eigth accepted as stands

Then voted they shall be Delivered to the Repreſentetive for his inſtructions During the General Seſſions of the General Court

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[296] Worceſter ſs To Thomas Cowden J^ur^ Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will and Require you forth with in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the Meeting Houſe in said Town on wedneſsday the sixteenth Day of may Next at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz (seals) (seals) (seals)

firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2^ly^ to see if the Town will abate any of the proſeſt Baptiſt miniſters Rate in any of the Conſtables or Collectors Liſts or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper

3^ly^ to see if the Town will vote to Come into any General Rule in Regard to Carring on the singing part of the public worship of God and wheather the singers shall sing a part of the Time without Reading & how the pſalm shall be Read wheather by Line or verſe or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hands & seals this 30th Day of April 1787

Daniel Putnam } Selectmen
Paul Wetherbee } for
David Mcintire } Fitchburg

Worcefter fs Fitchburg ye 16 May 1787 In obediance to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to meet at the Time and Place within mentioned

Thomas Cowdin Jur Conftable

at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Affembled affembled May ye 16th 1787 . . .

firft voted & Chooſe Mr Afa Perry Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2ly voted to act on the second article in the warrant in Regard to the profeft Baptift paying the minifter Rate to the standing order

3ly voted to Chooſe a Committee to take into Confideration wheather the Baptift shall be held to pay the standing minifter in said Town & make Report at the adjournment voted to Chooſe three perſons as a Committee viz Deacon Kendall Boutell Daniel Ferwell Lut William Brown voted this meeting be adjourned to fryday ye 18 of this inftant may at three a clock in the after Noon

May ye 18th 1787 the Town meet according to the adjournment & proceed as follows to here ye Report of ye Committee and the other article on hand that was adjourned . . . . .

4ly voted to Sing five times in the worſhiping on the Lords Day in the following manner the firft singing before prayer without Reading after prayer with Reading Line by Line and set such Tunes as the Congregation Can in General sing firft in the after Noon before prayer without Reading after prayer with Reading after sermon without Reading

[297] 5ly the Committee Reported that they had Examined the Conſtetution & thought proper that the the Conſtetution should be Laid before the Town Conſerning the Baptiſs party in Consideration of thear paying or be held to pay to the Town the miniſter Tax &c

the petition Laid before the Town which after Some Deliberation on said matters the Town proceeded as followes

6ly voted that the people in said Town that are profeſt Baptiſt that petitioned to the Town in the year 1784 that signed the petition Laid before the Town be Diſcharged from paying the miniſter Rate after said year in each of the Conſtables or Collector List to wards supporting the Goſpel and Likewiſe samuell Gibson Lemuel Haſkell Semieon Shattick Elijah willard to be Exemted from paying the miniſter Tax from the year 1780 . . . to the Date of said petition . . . . .

7ly that Mr abraham willard be aded to the petition & have the same priviledge as Thoſe That Did petition he Clearing his miniſter tax Raiſed in 1783 and after to be exemted as the others . . . . .

The petitioners are Thoſe

Charles Willard	Elijah Willard	Lemull Haſkell
David Mcintire	Elijah Mcintire	Thomas Gibson
Samull Gibson	Solomon Gibson	Joſeph Polley
David whitemore	William Haſkell	Jonathan Page
Ephraim Niles	Daniel willard	Simeon Shattick
Ephraim Howard	Abraham Willard aded to ye petition	

the petition baring Date December 1783

8ly voted this meeting Diſsolved

Aſa Perry Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) (seal) Worceſter ſs To seth Phillips one of the Conſtables for the Town of in said County . . . . Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts to will and Require you fourthwith in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the

meeting houſe in ſaid Town on tueſday the twelth Day of June Next at four a Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz . . . . .

firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2ly to see if the Town will Chooſe an Agent or Agents or a Committee to Diſcharge the Town of Ephraim Smith and his family and Secure to the Town the Coſt and Damage that the Town hath Recovered at the Laſt Court againſt Capt Eliſha Smith on account of ſaid family being Thrown on this Town for Support

Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before ſaid Day Given under our Hand & seals at fitchburg this twenty Eighth Day of may A D 1787—

Daniel Putnam } Selectmen for
Paul wetherbee } Fitchburg

[298] Worceſter ſs

In obediance to this warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Conſtable

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Aſſembled on June the 12th 1787 the Meeting Being opned & proceeded as followes

firſt voted & Chooſe Eſqr Cowdin Moderator to Govern sd meeting . . . . .

2ly voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty firſt Day of this inſtant June at one of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting accordingly adjourned

June ye 21st 1787 The Town meet on the adjournment the Meeting being opned and proceeded as follows

3ly voted to Chuſe an Agent to proſecute and Carrey on the Law sute Comminſed Againſt Capt Eliſha Smith on account of Ephraim Smith and family being Thown on the Town of fitchburg . . . .

4ly voted & Chooſe Doct Jonas Marſhell an Agent in behalf of the Town to Carrey the proceſs againſt ſaid Eliſha Smith up to final Judgment and Execution in behalf of the Town

5ly voted this meeting Diſsolved

Thomas Cowdin Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) (seal) (seal) Worceſter ſs To Thomas Cowden Jur one of the Conſtables for yc Town of Fitchburg in ſaid County Greeting . . . . . Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie and warn all the Freehoulders and other Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburg Qulafied By Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble & meete at yc meeting Houſe in ſaid Town on Tueſday the Eleventh Day of Sept Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . .

firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern sd meeting

2ly to Raiſe money to support yc Revernd John Payſon the preſent year

3ly—to see what sum or sums of money the Town will Raiſe to support the school or schools the preſent year or act any Thing there on as they shall think proper

4ly—to see what method the Town will Take to provide the Revernd mr payſons wood the preſent year . . .

5ly to Raiſe money to support mrs Hart & the other poor that are become Chargeable to said Town . . .

6ly to see what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raiſe to Defray there Neceſsary Charges the preſent year or act anything there on as they shall Think proper

[299] 7ly to see if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to Recon with the Town Treaſurer and make Report to the Town . . . .

8ly to see if the Town will Chooſe a saxon to take Care of the meeting Houſe the preſent year . . .

9ly to see if the Town will Give their Repreſentetive any futher inſtructions in Regard to any matter that shall Come before the General Court at there Next Seſſion

10ly to see if the Town will sell the Guns and Boyanots that are the Towns property or act any thing there on as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seal This 22d Day of Auguſt A D 1787

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul wetherbee } for
David Mcintire } fitchburg

In obediance to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to meet at the Time & place within mentioned Sept ye 11th 1787 Thos Cowden Jur Conſtable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Aſſembled sept 11th 1787

firſt voted & Chooſe Daniel Putnam moderator . .

2ly voted to Raiſe 66–13–4 to support ye Revrd Mr Payſon ye preſent year 66–13–4

3ly voted to Raiſe £45 to support the schools in each Qurter of the the Town 45–0–0–

and that each Quarter Draw there Equal propotion of money as was Laid out for the Quarters Laſt year . . .

4ly voted to Chooſe a Committee to provide schooling in each Quarter of the Town . . . . .

5ly voted & Chooſe Six perſons viz Ephraim Kimball Paul wetherbe John Thurſton Jur Capt Reubon Gibson Abraham Willard Aſa Perrey as a Committe to provide schooling in each Quarter of ye Town . . . . .

6ly voted to Chooſe a Committee to provide Mr Payſon 30 Cord of Good wood the Cheepeſt manner they Can for the Benefitt of said Town . . . . .

7 voted & Chooſe three perſons viz Aſa perry Ephraim Kimball Samuell Burbank for sd Committee

8ly voted to Raiſe £30 pound to support the poor the Preſent year 30–0–0–

9ly voted to Paſs over the sixth article in the warrant in Regard to Raiſing money till the meeting at the adjournment of the meeting . . . .

10ly voted to Chooſe a Committee to Recon with the Town Treaſurer & make Report at the meeting on the adjournment the Committee Conſiſt of three perſons Daniel Putnam Paul wetherbee David Mcintire

11ly voted & Chooſe Ephraim Kimball saxon to take Care of the meeting houſe

12ly voted to Diſmiſs the Ninth article in the warrant in Regard to Giving Their Repreſentetive ſuther inſtructions the Nex seſſions . . . .

13ly voted to sell the Guns & Boynets But after Reconſidered the vote on the adjournment

14ly voted to adjourn This meeting to the 25 Day of this Inſtant september at Two of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[**300**] Sept 25th 1787 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting Being opned Proceeded as follows

15ly voted to Accept of the settlement as Reported By the Towns Committee with the Treaſurer & to be Recorded . . . . .

16ly voted to Raiſe seventy five pounds as an Addition to what was Raiſed before

17ly voted to Reconſider the vote in Regard to Selling the Guns & Boynuts

18ly voted that the Guns & Boynuts be prized and Committed into the hand of Capt John Goodridge he to Give the Town his securety of what they shall be proized at & he to keep said Guns & Boynuts for the Town uſe if wanting for thoſe that Cant provide for themselves as the Law Directs

adition—	£75– 0–0
miniſter—	66–13–4
school—	45– 0–0
Poor—	30– 0–0
Total	216–13 4

voted & Chooſe the select men for sd Committee to prize said Guns & Deliver them to said Capt Goodridge

voted this meeting Diſsolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) (Seals) (Seals) Worceſter ſs To Seth Phillips (one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg in ſaid County Greeting . . . . Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the meeting House in ſaid Town on Thurſday the Elevinth Day of october Next at Two of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly mett & formed to act on the following articles . . . .

firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2ly to see what method the Town will Take to Repair the Great Bridge or Bridges that is Damaged by the Late freſhett or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper

3ly to see if the Town will Raise any sum of money for ye Repairing ye Bridges

4ly see if ye Town will Take into conſideration what the Courts Committee Did in Regard to Laying out a a New Road Near Thos Cowdin Eſqr or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper . . . . .

5ly to see if the Town will make any allowence to any of the Collectors that have Received any Countefite paper money or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

6ly To See if Town will petition to the Court of Seſſions to alter and Turn the County Road in this Town & have it Go By Aſeph Goodridges . . . .

[**301**] Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before ſaid Day Given under our hands & seals this twentyth fifth Day of September A D 1787

Daniel Putnam } Selectmen
Paul wetherbee } for
David Mcintire } fitchburg

Worceſter ſs

In obedince to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town

meeting as the within warrant Directs to assembled an meet at the Time & Place within mentioned

Seth Phillips Constable

Att a Legal Meeting of ye Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg assembled october ye 11th 1787 the meeting being opned & proceeded as followes . . . .

1 voted & Choose De^a^ Daniel Putnam Moderator of s^d^ meeting

2^ly^ voted that a Committee be Choosen to over See the Building of the Great Bridge Near Capt John Goodridges and said Committee be impowered and Directed to seet Those persons to work that are Delinquent in paying of there Taxes and are unable to pay them any other way to the Collectors and allow said persons for there service at the bridge the time he is faithfull in the Service according to the Discretion of Said Committee

3 voted that this Committee Consist of five persons

4^ly^ voted & Choose Thos Cowden Esqr Doc^t^ Jonas Marshell Asa Perry Capt John Goodridge Hezekiah Hodgskins for said Committee . . . . .

5^ly^ voted that the Committee speedialy proceed in Building of said Bridge and they be impowered to procure timber for said Bridge & Carpender Labour as is Needfull for said service . . . . .

6^ly^ voted to pass over the Third article in the warrant in Regard to Raising money to Repair said Bridge

7^ly^ voted to adjourn This meeting to munday the fifteenth Day of this Instant october at two of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phin^s^ Hartwell Town Clerk

October 15th 1787 the Town meet according to their adjournment the meeting being opned & proceed as followes

8^ly^ voted to Choose a Committee to petition to the Quarter sessions for a Courts Committee to Revew a County Road Newly altered by a Courts Committee Near Esqr Cowdins and accepted by said Court and see if it Cant be altered to where it was formerly Laid ont & trod By adding one Rod to the wedth of said Road to Convean the same

9[ly] voted this Committee Conſift of three perſons voted & Chooſe Phinehas Sawyer & M[r] Robert Burnham & Phinehas Hartwell for s[d] Committee

10[ly] voted and Chooſe M[r] Phinehas Sawyer as their agent in behalf of the Town seprate from the other Committee to preſent the petition before the Quarter ſeſſions for a hearing & to Carrey it into Execution and final Determination . . . .

11[ly] voted not to allow any of the Collectors for y[e] Countifitt paper money they have Recived for Taxes either for state tax or Town . . . .

12[ly] voted to paſs over the sixth article in the warrant

13[ly] voted to Diſſolve this meeting this meeting is Diſſolved accordingly

Daniel Putnam moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[**302**] Worceſter ſs

To Tho[s] Cowden J[ur] one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting (Seals) (Seals) (Seals) Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachusetts to will and Require you in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the male Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified as the Conſtetution Directs to Vote in the Chooſe of Repreſentetives To Aſſemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in said Town on Thurſday the 20th Day of December Next at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon Agreeable to A Reſolve of y[e] General Court of the 20th Day of October Laſt Then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

firſt to see if the Town will Elect some meet perſon to Repreſint them in the State Convention to be Held at the state houſe in Boſton on the second wedneſsday January Next on the subject matter of the New propoſed Federal Contetution or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings theiron to some one of us on or before s[d]

Day Given under our Hands & seals this Thirtyth Day of November A D 1787

Daniel Putnam
Paul wetherbee
David mᶜintire
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In Obediance to the within warrant I have warned all the within mentioned Inhabitants to meet att the Time & place within mentioned

December 20th 1787 Thoˢ Cowden Juʳ Conſtable

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg aſſembled Decᵐ 20th 1787 To Elect some meet perſon to Repreſent them in the state houſe in Boſton the second wedneſs in January Next a Greeable to a Reſolve of Court 25 of october Laſt

firſt voted to have the Conſtetution Reed before the Town befor any perſon be Chooſen

2ly voted to Chooſe a perſon to Repreſent the Town in Convention at Boſton as a foresaid

3ly voted & Chooſe Deacon Daniel Putnam to Repreſent said Town in Convention to be Convened at Boſton the second wedneſs in January Next

4ly voted to Chooſe a Committee to inſtruct their Delagate or point out the Expoſed Danger the people are Liable to inconſequence the New Conſtetution should take place and Report before the Town their sentements . . .

5ly Voted to Chooſe Eleven perſons for a Committee for the above purpoſe viz Phinˢ Hartwell Moſes Hale Elijah Willard Oliver Stickney David Mᶜintire Robert Burnham Luther Stone Dʳ Jonas Marſhell Abraham Willard Revernᵈ John Payſon Dʳ Peter Snow . . . .

Voted this meeting to be adjourned to the Twentith fifth Day of this Inſtant December at one of the Clock in the after Noon in order to here the Report of the Committee

[303] Decemʳ 25 1787 The Town meet according to Their adjournment yᵉ meeting being opned then voted to adjourn this meeting to fryday yᵉ 28th Day of this inſtant

Decem^m at three of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is accordingly adjourned Phin^s Hartwell Town Clerk

December 28th 1787 The Town mett acording to their adjournment ye meeting being opned to here the Report of their Committee Chooſen to take into Conſideration the New Contetution or fraime of Government the Objections ware Reported before said Town in Town meeting and Unanimouſly voted and Likewiſe voted that the Town Clerk Give a Teſted Coppy & vote of said Objections to their Delagate, to preſent if Needfull in Convention to be Convened at ye state houſe in Boſton ye second wedneſsday in January Next

Voted This meeting Be Diſſolved

Atteſt Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs To Seth Phillips one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

Theſe are in the Name of the Commonweath of Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified to vote in Town meetings as ye Law Directs to aſſemble & meett at the meeting houſe in said Town on Tueſday the Twenty fifth Day of Decem^m inſtant at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles . . . .

(Seals)
(Seals)

firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^ly To see what sums or sums of money the Town will Raiſe to pay for Building the Great Bridge Near Capt John Goodridges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

3^ly To see if the Town will Call upon the Committee that was Chooſe to see to the Building the Bridge Near Capt John Goodridges to Lay before the Town the account of the Coſt for Building said Bridge or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4^ly To see what method the Town will Take to supply the Collectors with money or Certificats that has ben or muſt Neceſsaryly be abated in state taxes for ye years

1781 & 1782 and 1783 and Raiſe money to supply the same or act any thing their on as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this seventh Day of December AD 1787

Daniel Putnam } selectmen
Paul Wetherbee } for fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In Obedience to this warrant I have Notified & warned all The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to Aſſemble and meet at the Time and Place as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Conſtable

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitteburg aſſembled Decembr 25th 1787 the meeting being opned then proceeded as followes . . . .

Firſt Voted & Chooſe Thomas Cowden Eſqr Moderator of said meeting

2ly voted to Raiſe Eighty Eight Pounds four Shillings to Diſcharge the Coſt of Building the New Bridge Down Near Capt John Goodridges this vote Contains the Third article in the warrant is the whole Committees account for Each perſons services £88–4–0

[**304**] 3ly Voted to allow The Committees accounts for Each perſons service & oxen & Carts as Now Stands footed for Each perſon & allowed By the Committee which was Laid before the Town and accepted & Delivered To the Town Treaſurer to pay out whole Sum £88–4–0–0

4ly Voted That the Town Treaſurer Be & is impowered to pay the several perſons that was imployed By said Committee their accompts or Give orders for the same on the Collectors to Diſcharge their Rates & Take Receipts of Each perſon of what he pays of his Due The accounts of Each perſon is Carried of Seperate on the Treaſurer Book . . . . .

5ly voted to paſs over the fourth article as ſtands in the warrant in Regard to the Towns abating any of the perſons that Cannot be Collected &c the above mentoned account for building ſaid Bridge is Taken Down on the Treaſurers Book as is allowed to each perſon & is to be paid out by ye Treaſurer

6ly voted to Diſſolve this meeting

Thos Cowden Eſqr Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) (Seals) Worceſter ſs To Either of the Conſtabels in the Town of fitchburg in sd County Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you to Notifie & warn By verble warning all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in ſaid Town on Tueſday the Twenty fifth Day of Decem inſtant at Three of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

Firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2ly to see if the Town will authorize and Direct the Town Treaſurer To Give in Behalf of the Town any New securityes for money where the Town is indebted and is not at preſent in a Capacity to pay the same or act any thing theiron as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings their on to some one of us on or before ſaid Day Given under our hand & seals this seventeenth Day of December A D 1787 . . . .

Daniel Putnam } select men for
Paul wethebree } fitchburg

Worceſter ſs Decmbr. 25 1787 In Obedence to this warrant I have Verbally warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town to aſſemble & meet at the time and place as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Constable

Att a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg aſſembled December 25th 1787

firſt voted & Choſe Thos Cowden Eſqr moderator of sd meeting

2ly voted that the Town Treaſurer Bee and is authorized and appointed by said Town to Give New Securities in behalf of said Town where their Debts are Required by the Creditors to be Renewed; and Eſpecially to Renew and Give his security in behalf of the Town for a Debt Due on Execution to George Kimball Eſqr or the widow Dorithy Kimball, Now in the hand of said George Kimball & Give security for the same to the Heirs of William Brattle Eſqr if the said Eſqr Kimball shall a Gree their to

Thos Cowdin Eſqr moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[**305**] Fitchburg Septm 24th 1787

Then Reconed & Settled with Phinehas Hartwell Town Treaſurer for said year we find Due in The Several Collectors & Conſtable Hands The sums Hereafter mentioned

	£	s	d	Q
We find in The Hand of Jona Holt Constable for ye year 1778 Town Tax	5-	13-	6-	3
We find in The Hand of Phins Hartwell Constable for ye year 1780 Town Property state Receipt	29-	12-	4-	2
miniſter Tax in The same year in The hands of said Hartwell	10	18-	3-	2
We find in The Hand of Daniel ferwell Constable for ye year 1780 Town Tax The abatement allowed & Taken out	35-	9-	2-	
we find in The Hand of Capt Samuell Burbank Collector for ye year 1781 & 1782 & 1783 one State Receipt Towns property yet Due in part	34-	5-	2-	3
Likewiſe miniſter Tax for ye year 1783 in part Due	1-	7-	7-	0
Likewiſe a Souldier Rate for ye year 1782 in part Due	54-	12-	6-	0

we find in the Hand of Capt Thos Hartwell Conſtable for ye year 1783 Due Town Tax 13-10- 3-2

we find in The Hand of John Ferwell Conſtable for ye year 1784 Town Tax yet Due . 9- 5- 3-2

we find in The Hand of Joſeph Phelps Collector for ye year 1782 Town Tax . . . 9-15 8-1
Likewiſe miniſter Tax for ſaid year yet Due in s^{d} Phelpſes hand 21- 6- 4-1
A ſoldier Rate 89-15-11-3 Not all Settled in s^{d} Phelpeſes hand . . . .

we find in The Hand of Capt Reuben Gibſon Collector for ye year 1781 Town Tax . . 54- 2-11-1
Likewiſe one State Recip^{t} Towns property in The Treaſurers hand Due from s^{d} Gibſon in part 18- 6- 1-0

we find in The hand of Phin^{s} Sawyer Collector for ye year 1785 Town Tax part Due . . 21-18- 9-3
Likewiſe one minister Tax for ſaid year part Due 16- 6-11-0

we find in the Hand of Reuben Smith Conſtable for ye year 1786 Town Tax yet Due 63-10-10-2
Likewiſe one miniſter Tax in ſaid year yet Due 29-17- 6-1

we find in The Hand of Majo^{r} Thos Hartwell Collector for ye year 1786 Town Tax 74-19- 0-2

Likewiſe one Miniſter Tax for s^{d} year yet Due in part 30-18-10-2

we find That Deacon John Thurſton Collector for the year 1784 Hath settled
That on Ballance Their appears to be Due To Deacon Thurſton £2- 7- 8-2
we find That The Treaſurer Hath Borrowed & Gave his Security for The uſe of ye Town of oliver stickney 4- 7- 1-0
And alſo hath paid out of his own money more than he hath Recived of the Colletor 1-17- 2-2

one Note aganſt francis fullam 2- 2- 0 0
one Note aganſt Sa^m^ Burbank april 2^d^ 1781 3-12- 0-0
Note Aganſt Capt Gibson march 9th 1781 . 3-12- 0-0
Note aganſt Capt Burbank march 17 – 1783 3-12- 0-0
Note aganſt Capt Thos Hartwell May 16 1783 3-12- 0-0
Note aganſt John Ferwell April 8th 1785 . . 3- 0- 0-0
Note aganſt Jonathan Page April 4th 1785 . 1- 7- 9-0
one Note Againſt Amos ordway march 27th 1786 . . . . . 3- 0- 0
Note Againſt Sam^ll^ Gibſon March 5th 1787 . 3- 0- 0
Note Againſt Seth Phillips March 12th 1787 3- 0- 0

Daniel Putnam, Paul Wetherbee, David M^c^intire } Committee For Settlement

Atteſt Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Errors Excepted True Coppy from The Settlement at The above Date And Accepted in Town Meeting

[306] Worceſter ſs To Thomas Cowdin Ju^r^ one of The Conſtables of The Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting Theſe Are in the Name of ye Commonweath of Maſſachuſetts To will & Require you in Due Courſe of Law To Notifie & warn all The freehoulders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble & meet att the meeting Houſe in said Town on Munday The Third Day of March Nex at Ten of the Clock before Noon Then & Their being Duly Meet & formed To act on The following articles (viz)

(seals) (seals) (seals)

Firſt To Chooſe A Moderator to Govern Said Meeting

2^ly^ To Chooſe Town Clerk & Selectmen and other Town Offices as the Law Directs for the year inſueing and act any Thing in Regard to Collectors as They Shall Think proper . . . . .

3^ly^ To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town will Raiſe to Repair the Highways Inſueing year and Direct How ſuch money ſhall be worked out or act any Thing their on as They ſhall Think proper . . . . .

4^ly^ To see what method The Town will Take To

support Mi[s] Hart and the other poor that are become Chargebale to said Town . . . . .

5[ly] To See if The Town will Accept of any Road or Roads that is Laid out by the Select men or there order

6[ly] To see if The Town will Chooſe a Committee to Take Care the Bridges and Make Preparation for Repairing such as Shall Need Repairing or act any Thing Their on as They Shall Think proper . . . . .

7[ly] To See if the Town will Vote the Swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law . . . . .

8[ly] To See if the Town will abate any fine or fines which hath been Laid on any perſon or perſons for Not attending Publick worſhip . . . .

9[ly] To See if the Town will abate any perſon or perſons Rate or any part their of in any of the Collectors Lifts and act any Thing theiron as they shall Think proper . . . .

10[ly] To See if the Town will Chooſe a saxtion to take Care the meeting the year inſueing . . . .

11[ly] To See if the Town will Make allowence to Cap[t] Reuben Gibson Collector for the year 1781 for some Countefitt money New Emiſion he Took for Rates or act any Thing theiron as They Shall Think proper . . . .

12[ly] To see what Orders or Directions the Town will Give to the Delinquent Highway Surveyours the Laſt year or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant to some or one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this Twelth Day of February A. D. 1788

Daniel Putnam } Select men
Paul wetherbee } for
David M[c]intire } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs February 16 1788

In obediance to this warrant I have warnd all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of fitchburg Qulified by Law [**307**] To vote in Town Meetings to aſſemble and meet att the Time and place above mentioned

Thomas Cowden J[ur] Conſtable

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg Aſſembled March ye 3rd 1788

Firſt voted & Chooſe M^r^ Aſa Perry Moderator of said meeting . . . . . modrator

2^ly^ voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk — Preſent year . . . . . Town Clerk

3^ly^ voted to Cooſe Three Selectmen for the preſent year & aſſeſsors

4^ly^ voted & Chooſe Liv^t^ Paul wetherbee Reuben Smith & John Thurſton Ju^r^ for and Likewiſe aſſeſsors for the preſent year . . . . . Selectmen and Aſſeſsors

5^ly^ voted & Chooſe Ebenezer Thurſton Town Treaſurer for said year . . . . . Town Treaſurer

6^ly^ voted & Chooſe Hezekiah Hodgskins for the south side of said Town for a . . . . . Conſtable

and Likewiſe Nathan Badcock for the North of side Town Conſtable . . . . . Conſtable

7^ly^ voted & Chooſe Thomas Stearns & Amos Ordway wardens for ye preſent year . . . . . wardens

8^ly^ voted & Chooſe Jacob Allen & Stephen Pingrey Ju^r^ for . . . . . Tything men

9^ly^ voted & Chooſe Capt Samuell Burbank John ozburn Diſmiſed Hezekiah Hodſkins Choſen in his Room Joſeph Fox Eſq^r^ Oliver Brown Abner Sawyer Jabez Sawyer Elijah M^c^intire Solomon Calton Amos Ordway Stephen Pingrey Ju^r^ Highway surveyors preſent year . . . Highway Surveyours

10^ly^ voted & Chooſe Benjamin Kemp Stephen Thurſton Joſeph Low Ju^r^ Luke Sawyer Wm Kendall—Hogreves for the preſent year . . . . . Hogreves

11^ly^ voted & Chooſe Joſhua Paree Zacheus Ferwell Fire wards for ye preſent year . . . . . Fire wards

12^ly^ voted & Chooſe John upton Surveyour of Boards Clabords & Shingles . . . . . Serveyour of boards Clabords & Shingles

13^ly^ voted & Chooſe Elijah Carter Thomas Gibson for the preſent year . . . . . Fence vewers

14^ly^ voted & Chooſe Capt Jonathan Wood surveyeor for the preſent year . . . . surveor of Hoops & Staves

15[ly] voted & Chooſe Moſes Hale for the preſent year sealer of Leather

16[ly] voted & Chooſe David Parce for the preſent year sealer of weights & meaſurer

17[ly] voted to Raiſe one Hundred & fifty pounds to keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the preſent year £150–0–0

18—voted that the Money Raiſed for the highway be worked out as was purpoſed Laſt year & the Delinquents if any be to be Returned to the aſſeſsors to be seett on the Rate bill seaſonabley for Collecting the money . . .

19—voted that the poor be put out at the Loweſt Bidder in Town

voted that the seleetmen put out the poor at the Loweſt Bid and make Return at the meeting on the adjournment of their proceedings . . . . .

20 voted to Chooſe two perſons for a Committee to Repair the Bridge up at M[r] David Goodels . . . . .

21 voted & Chooſe Deacon Kendal Boutell & Thomas Stearns for said Committee to see the Bridge Repaired in the prudenteſt manner for the Benfitt of s[d] Town

[308] 22 voted That the Committee Chooſen to see to the Repairing of Goodels Bridge make a Report of what Coſt They Shall Think proper to make said Bridge paſable at the meeting on the adjournment . . . . .

23 voted That their be a Committee Chooſen to see to the Repairing the Great Bridg Down Near the meeting houſe voted & Chooſe Oliver Stickney Phinehas Sawyer to see to the Repairing of said Bridge & Likewiſe make a Report at the adjournment what Coſt & what is wanting to Repair s[d] Bridge

24 voted That the Swine Go att Large the preſent year under the Regulation of the Law . . .

25 voted That the 8th article in the warrant be ſuſpended untill the adjournment of the meeting in Regard to abating fines for Breach of Sabbath . . .

26 voted to ſuſpend the 9 article in Regard to abating Rates till the adjournment of said meeting

27 voted & Chooſe Ephr[m] Kimball saxtion to Take Care the meeting Houſe the preſent year & Digg the Graves for funerals . . . . .

28 voted That the Countirfitt money in the Hand of Capt Gibson that was prefented to the Town for abatement be fufpended untill he settles with the Remains of his Collection with the Town Treafurer

29 voted To Accep^{t} of a Two Rode Road Laid out By the selectmen or there order the Difcription of said Road is as follows

Roads

Fitchburg march ye 1 1788 we the subfcribers have Laid out a Two Rode Road from weftminfter on Land of Daniel Ferwells Till it strikes the Roade that Leads By Thomas Cowdins Ju^{r} and made Two Alterations one by said Cowdens Houfe and one By Elifha Chamberlan and to have the Road as is Now trod

Laid out by Paul wetherbee & Daniel Ferwell Committee This Road is Given By the oweners of the Land & accep^{t} as above said march 3^{d} 1788

30 voted That the Laft year highway Tax of any perfon that is Delinquent payer of said Tax be aded to the prefent year highway Tax when made up & if not Collected that way then to be Returned to the affefors to be Aded to Their Town Tax to be Collected in money . .

31 voted That This meeting be adjourned to Thurfday the Twentyth Day of this inftant march at one of the Clock in the affter Noon this meetings is adjourned according Atteft Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

March ye 20th 1788 The Town meet according To there adjournment

32 voted that Hezekiah Hodgfkins be Excufed from the Collectorfhip he paying Ten Dollars to the town

33 voted that Nathan Badcock be Excufed from the Collectorfhip he paying Ten Dollars to the Town

Recived of Mr Hezekiah Hodfkins a Ten Dollar Town order

[**309**] 34—voted That the Collectorfhip be Let out to the Lowefl bidder They providing Two Good Bondsmen . . . . .

35—voted to adjourn Letting out the Collectingfhip Down to the Houfe of Efq^{r} Cowdin

36—voted That John Ozburn be Excuſed from serving Highway surveyour & Hezekiah Hodgskins Choſen in his Room a Surveyour for the preſent year . . . . .

37—voted to Build The Buttments of the Bridge at Mr Goodels with Stone

38—voted to Put by the 8th article untill the meeting on the adjournment

39—voted to adjourn one Quarter of an hour Down to Eſqr Cowdins houſe.

Daniel Ferwell bid of the Collecting the Public Taxes on the South side of Said Town for Two pound Sixteen Shillings on a Hundred pound so in propotion Greater or Leſſor sum 2–16–0–

Reuben Smith Bid of the Collecting of the public Taxes on the North side of said Town for Two pounds Sixteen Shillings & Six pence on ye Hundred pound . . 2–16–6–

40—voted To adjourn This Meeting To the Twenty fifth Day of this inſtant march at one of the Clock in the after Noon Kendell Boutell Clerk—protempory

March 25th 1788 The Town meet on The adjournment & Proceeded as Follows

Firſt voted & Chooſe Daniel Ferwell Collector for the south side of said Town and Likewiſe accepted of Phinehas Sawyer & Thomas Stearns as Bondsmen for said Ferwell for the Faithfull Diſcharg of his Duty in Collecting the Public Taxes the preſent year and paying the same where ordred . . . . .

2ly voted & Chooſe Reuben Smith Constable for the North side of said Town and Likewiſe accepted of Liut William Brown & Noah Wiſwell as Bondsmen for said Smith for the faithfull Diſcharge of his Duty in Collecting the Public Taxes on the North Side of said Town the preſent year & paying the same where ordred . . .

3—voted the Liſt offered by Capt Burbank for abatement be ſuſpended till he has Settled all that is Due beſide with the Treaſurer then to have a hearing . . . .

4—voted to adjourn This meeting Down to the Houſe of Eſqr Cowdins for 15 minits

Then meet & proceeded as follows

voted that The Lift of Taxes offered to be abated for Capt Gibson be put up by single sums state tax

voted to allow Capt Gibson Eight Shilling on the pound Hard money for 20/ Certificate for state Tax that is abated

Jonathan Rufells Tax abated in Capt Gibsons Lift for the year 1781	8- 2-6-0
John Goddard Tax abated in Capt Gibsons Lifts for the year 1781	2-17-1-0
Ephraim Howard Tax abated in Capt Gibsons Lift for the year 1781	2-12-0-0
Robert Upton Tax abated in Capt Gibson List for ye year 1781	0-14-0-0
Reuben Willard Tax abated in Capt Gibson Lift year 1781	0- 6-7-2
Levi Williams Tax abated in Capt Gibsons Lift for 1781	0-11-9-0
John Venen Tax abated in Capt Gibsons List for 1781	2-19-5-0
Ebenezer Flagg Tax abated in Capt Gibsons Lift for 1781	2-17-1-0
	21- 0-5-2

To be abated for Phin^{s} Sawyer for ye year 1785	
Uriah Wilkens Tax abated part	0- 5-8-1
Samull Hill Tax abated whole	0-10-5-2
Berzelel wood Tax abated whole	0- 8-3-2
Jobe Hewood Tax abated part	0- 2-2-2
Paid by Liu^{t} page	1- 6-7-3
To be abated for Joſeph Phelps for ye year 1782	
Joſeph Davis Tax abated	0- 1-7-0
Timothy willard Tax abated	0- 1-7-0
Ebenezer Flagg Tax abated	0- 6-6-1
	0- 9-8-1

Afa Perry modrator
Phinehas Hartwell T. Clerk

Turn over the other side

[**310**] March 3d 1788

at the meeting of the inhabitants of The Town of fitchburg affembled in Town meeting voted that the Selectmen Take Care to put out the poor people at the Loweft & Cheepeft manner for support . . . .

Liut Thomas Thurfton Bid of Mis Hart att Five pounds sixteen shillings By the year or in propotion if She Should not Live the year out £5-16-0-

Eli Smith Bid of by Capt John Goodridge at 1/2 ℔r week 0- 1-2-

Liut Thomas Thurfton Bid of Lydea Williams at 1/6 ℔r week 0- 1-6-

March 25th 1788—Recorded by order of ye Selectmen

Phins Hartwell Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs

To Hezekiah Hodgſkins one of The Conſtables for the Town of fitchburgh in sd County Greeting Theſe are in The Name of The Commonwealth of the Maſsachuſetts to will & Require you in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the free houlders & other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town Meetings for a Repreſentetive to affemble & meet att the meeting Houſe in Said Town on Munday the Seventh Day of April Next att four Clock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

(Seals·)
(Seals·)
(Seals·)

viz Firft To Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly To Give in your Votes for a Suteable Diſcreat perſon for a County Treaſurer

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant with your Doings their on to some or one of us on or before said Day

Given under our hand and Seals att Fitchburg the Twentyth Day of march 1788

Paul wetherbee } selectmen
Reuben Smith } for
John Thurſton Jur } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In Obedence to The within warrant I have Notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg To aſſemble and Meet att the Time and Place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgſkins Conſtable

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Legally aſſembled on April 3d 1788 for the purpoſes hereafter mentioned Then Gave in their votes for the following Gentlemen for a County Treaſurer

	No votes
Voted For the Honourable Timothy Paine Eſqr .	18
voted For Mr Nathan Perry	5

Aſa Perry moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Fitchburg January 22nd 1790 Then Came the family of Francis Barnes and wife & five Children & was Taken in to my houſe by me Oliver Fullam the Childrens names as follows Betty Ephraim Lydea Suſanna Loral Children of ſaid Barnes Laſt from province Land as formerly Called which we the Seleetmen of ſaid fitchburg Do not admit of as inhabitants of ſaid fitchburg but Direct that they emeadiately Depart the Limits of ſaid Town to the Place of there habitancy for support

p̄r order Seleetmen Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[311] Worceſter ſs

To Hezekiah Hodgskins Conſtable for the Town of fitchburg in ſaid County Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forth with to Notifie & warn all The freeholders & other inhabitants Qualified by Law to vote for a Repreſentative to aſſemble & meet att the meeting houſe in Said Town on Munday the Seventh Day of April Next att one of the Clock in the after Noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

(Seals) (Seals) (Seals)

Firſt To Give in your votes for a Governer

2ly To Give in your votes for a Liuet Governor

3[ly] To Give in your votes for five Senators

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before s[d] Day Given under our hand & Seals This Twentyth Day of march 1788

Paul wetherbee
Reuben Smith
John Thurſton Ju[r] } Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In obedence of the within warrant I have Notified and warn[d] the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to aθemble and meet att time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conſtable

Att a Meeting of The inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legally aſſembled in Town meeting on April y[e] 7th 1788

	No votes
voted & Chooſe for a Governor his Excellancy John Hancock	39
voted for the Honourable Elbridge Gary Eſq[r]	12

The following Gentlemen voted for a Liuet Governor

	No votes
voted & Chooſe for a Liue[t] Governor The Honourable James Warran Eſq[r]	24
Likewiſe for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Eſq[r]	8

The following Gentlemen voted for for Senators

	No votes
voted for the Honourable Amos Singletary	26
For the honourable Peter Penneman	25
For the Honourable Jòhn Fezinton	25
For the Honourable Joſeph Stone	26
For Capt Jeremiah Learned	25
For the Honourable Abel Wilder	12
For the Honourable Sam[ll] Baker	11
For the Honourable Moſes Gill	11
For the Honourable Timothy paine	10
For the Honourable Seth Waſhburn	11

This meeting Diſſolved By the Selectmen

Paul Wetherbee
Reuben Smith
John Thurſton Ju[r] } Selectmen for Fitchburg

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[312] Worceſter ſs

(Seals) (Seals) (Seals) To Hezekiah Hodgskins one of The Conſtables of the Town of fitchburg in s[d] County Greeting Theſe are in The Name of The Commonwealth of maſsachuſetts To will & Require you in Due Courſe of Law To Notifie and warn all the freehoulders and other Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to aſſemble and meet att the Meeting Houſe in said Town on Munday the seventh Day of April Next att Three Oclock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly meet & forme[d] to act on the following articles

viz Firſt To Chooſe Moderator to Govern Said Meeting

2[ly] To wheather The Town will Comply with a Requeſt Signed by a Number of the inhabitants of the Town to Raiſe a sum of money Sufieient to Diſcharge The Town Debts that are Now Due to Sundrey perſons that y[e] Town are indebted too or actt any Thing Theiron as They ſhall think proper

Hereof fail Not to make Return of This warrant with your Dowings their on To some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals This Twentith Day of March A. D. 1788

Paul weatherbee
Reuben Smith
John Thurſton Ju[r] } Selectmen for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs

In Obediance to the within warrant I have Notiſied & warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to aſſemble & meet att Time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs . . . . .

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conſtable

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Legally aſſembled on April y[e] 7th 1788

Firſt Voted & Chooſe M[r] Aſa perry Moderator of s[d] Meeting

2[ndly] Voted to Chooſe a Committee to Look into the Circumſtances of the Town on account of the Town Debts

& See what is out Standing in the old Collectors hands not Collected & paid in . . . . .

3[ly] voted & Chooſe the Selectmen M[r] Oliver Stickney aded for a Committee for the above purpoſe voted This Committee make a Report att the adjournment of the meeting of their proceedings . . . . .

Voted to adjourn This meeting to the fifteenth Day of may Next at Three Oclock in the after Noon . . . .

Atteſt Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

May y[e] 15th 1788 The inhabitants of said Town meet according to their adjournment the Meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

Firſt proceeded & Read the Report of the Committee before the Town as Drawn up by s[d] Committee

Secondly voted Not to Raiſe any more money untill the fall meeting to Diſcharge the preſent Debts

Thirdly voted This meeting to be Diſsolved

Aſa Perry Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[**313**] Worceſter ſs

(Seals) (Seals) (Seals) To Hezekiah Hodgskins Conſtable for the Town of fitchburg in said County Greeting Theſe are In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts to will & Require you in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie and warn all the mail inhabitants of fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold Eſtate of the value of Sixty pounds or the annual income of Three pounds to aſſemble & meet at the meeting houſe in fitchburg Thurſday the fifteenth Day of may att Three Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to witt . . . .

Firſt to see if the Town will Elect & Depute any perſon to serve for and Repreſent them in the Great an General Court or aſſembley to be held in this Commonwealth on the Laſt wedneſsday in May a Greeable to the Conſtetution or act anything their on as they Shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals att Fitchburg This Twentyth fourth Day of April A. D. 1788

Paul Wetherbee
Reuben Smith
John Thurfton Jur } Selectmen For Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs in Obediance to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to Aſſemble & meet att time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs . . . . .

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conſtable

Att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legaly aſſembled on May ye 15th 1788 Then made Chooice of Mr Daniel Putnam to Repreſent said Town of fitchburg in the Great an General Court or aſſembley to be Convened & held att Boſton on the Laſt wedneſsday of this inſtant may 1788

Atteſt Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) (Seals) (Seals) Worceſter ſs To Hezekiah Hodgskins Conſtable for the Town of Fitchburg in sd County Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts to will & Require you forthwith in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet att the meeting houſe in said fitchburg on Tueſday the Ninth Day of Septemr Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles Viz . . . . .

Firſt—to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2ly—to see if the Town will Rais money to Support the Revernd Mr payſon the preſent year

3ly—to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raiſe for schools the preſent year or act any Thing theiron as they Shall Think proper . . . . .

4ly—To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raiſe to Diſcharge there Debts and other Town Charges

5ly—To See what method The Town will take to provide Mr payſons wood the year inſueing . . . . .

6ly—To See what method the Town will take to Settle with sum perſons that they are indebted to or act any thing theiron as They shall think proper . . . . .

7ly—To See what method the Town will take to Recover a sum of money which appears to be £21–18–5–3 in the hand of Thomas Cowden Eſqr former Treaſurer . .

[314] 8ly To See if the Town will allow the accounts that shall be Brought in by the Bridge Committee

9ly To See if the Town will make any further abatements in any of the Collectors Liſts . . . . .

10ly To See what method the Town will Take to Build the New Caſeway on the New Road Near Eſqr Cowdins which is soon to be opned or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . . . .

11ly To See if the Town will accept of any Road or Roads that are Laid out By the Selectmen or their order

12ly To See if the Town will erect a Meeting houſe in the center of the Town or Receive any part of weſtminſter that shall be willing to Join with us and Then erect a meeting houſe in the Neareſt Convenant place to the center or act any thing Theiron as they Shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings theiron to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hands & seals This Twenty fifth Day of August A D 1788

Paul wetherbee } Selectmen
Reuben Smith } For
John Thurſton Jur } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to aſſemble and meet att time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgſkins Conſtable

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legualy Aſſembled on Tueſday the Ninth Day of

September 1788 the meeting being opned & proceeded as followes . . . . .

Firſt Voted & Chooſe De[a] Daniel Putnam Moderator of said meeting

2[ly] Voted to Raiſe £66–13–4 to support the Revern[d] m[r] payſon the preſent year

3[ly] Voted to Raiſe 45–0–0 to support the schools the preſent year and Likewiſe to have the schoole money Laid out in each Quarter of said Town as was formerly by there Committees

4[ly] Voted to Chooſe a Committee to provide schooling in each Quarter of said Town voted this Committee Conſiſt of six perſons for the above purpoſe

5[ly] Voted & Chooſe Abijah Goodridge Joſeph Fox Abraham willard Jacob Allen Reuben Gibſon Ju[r] John Thurſton J[ur] . . . . .

6 Voted to paſs over the fourth article for the preſent in Regard to Raiſing money . . . . .

[315] 7[ly] Voted to Let out the Gitting of m[r] payſons wood to the Loweſt bidders to Gitt Thirty Cord of Good wood & Deliverd it at m[r] payſons Door . . .

8[ly] Voted to Chooſe a Committy for y[e] Letting out the Gitting of m[r] Payſons wood viz Chooſe Aſa Perrey David Pratt Phinehas Sawyer for the above purpoſe . .

9[ly] Voted To Chooſe a Committee to Settle with Nehemiah Fuller on account of a Note said Fuller has againſt the Town & Likewiſe with Joſeph Fox on account of his Diſcharging part of an Execution againſt the Town in the hand of Colo Greenlief

10[ly] Voted & Chooſe Aſa Perry Moſes Hale Phinehas Sawyer for said Committee for s[d] purpoſe

11[ly] Voted & Chooſe Phinehas Hartwell Joſeph Fox Thomas Starns John Thurſton J[ur] oliver Stickney to be a Committee to Look into the Circumſtances of the money Suppoſed to be in the hand of Eſq[r] Cowden former Treaſurer as Seet forth in the seventh article in the warrant and make Report att the adjournment of said meeting

12[ly] Voted to paſs over the eighth article in the warrant for the preſent in Regard to the Bridges accounts

13ly Voted that the affefsors act Difcrefanary in Regard to abating Mr Edward Scotts Rates in a Lift Committed to Capt Reuben Gibfon to Collect for the year 1781 . . . . .

14ly Voted to pafs over the Ninth article in the warrant in Regard to abating any perfons Rate in the Collectors hand till the adjournment of said meeting . . .

15ly Voted to Choofe a Committee to over See the Building the Caufeway on the New County Road in Efqr Cowdens Land and that the whole Town have the Liberty to work on said Road or Cafeway their propotional part

16ly Voted & Choofe Three perfons as a Committee for the above purpofe viz Jofeph Fox Afa Perry Thomas Cowden Efqr Voted this Committee Shall vew the New Road and Eftemate the Coft and make Report att the adjournment of sd meeting for affefing a Bill

17ly Voted that the Road Laid by the Selectmen for Jofeph Richardfon & Jefe Stevens & others be paffed over till the adjournment of said meeting

18ly Voted that the 12 article in the warrant in Regard to placing the meeting houfe be paffed over untill the adjournment of Said meeting . . . . .

19ly Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuefday the Twenty Third Day of this inftant September att one a Clock in the after noon This meeting accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

September 23rd 1788 The Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting opned

Firft Voted to act on the Twelth article in Regard to placing the meeting houfe

2ly Voted to Choofe a Committee to examine and find out a place to erect a Meeting Houfe in the moft Convenant place to accomadate the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . .

3ly Voted to Choofe five perfons for the above purpofe Viz Mofes Hale Dea Daniel Putnam Jacob upton Afa Perrey oliver Stickney they Report att the adjournment

4ly Voted to allow the Bridge accounts Brought in by Kendal Boutel & Thomas Stearns Committee on Goodel Bridge Sum total of which is 37–12–0–

[**316**] 5ly Voted to Raiſe Forty pounds to make the Cauſeway on the New County Road in Eſqr Cowdins Land and that the aſſeſsors aſſeſs the same on the inhabitants of Said Town in a Single Rate

6ly Voted that Thoſe perſons that Travels to work on the County Road shall be allowed after the Rate of four pence for every three miles so in propotion and four pence on the spoot the Teems & Carts Ploughs oxen the Same as att other Highway work further addition on the Second adjournment Voted that the forty pound to make the Cauſeway be aſſeſed and be Delivered to the Highway Surveyours by the aſſeſsors that they bring on Their Squadrens as they Shall be ordred by the Committee for working out there propotinal parts

Second adjournment addition vote Voted that the Highway Surveyours Return there Liſts with the Delinquent payers to the seleetmen at or before the firſt Day of December next to be added to there Town Rates

7ly Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thurſday the second Day of October Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

October ye 2nd 1788 The Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned and proceeded as follows

Firſt Voted to allow the Bridge account Brought in by Oliver Stickney Phinehas Sawyer Committee on said Bridge the sum total of which is 14–12–2–

2ly Voted that the Town Treaſurer be and hereby is ordred to pay the several perſons that was imployed By the Committies on each Bridge the sum Annexed to each perſons Name as Brought in by said Committee and Take Receipts for the same

3ly Voted to Raiſe Two Hundred & Twenty pounds to Diſcharge the Coſt of the Bridges & other Town Debts excluſive miniſters schools County Road

4ly Voted to Refeer the settling the money suppoſed to be in the hand of Eſqr Cowden to the Seleetmen which sum is 21–18–5–3 as seet forth in ye warrant

5ly Voted to accept of a Two Rod Road Laid out for Joſeph Richardſon Jeſse Stevens Joſeph How & others so far as the Land is Given & know futher

*Fitchburg June ye 12 1788 We the subſcribers haveing Laid out a two Rod Road in the Northardly part of This Town Begining to wards the Norardly part of Stephen Pingrey Land turning out of the old Road by a Read oak marked on the weſt Side Then Runing Through Ebenezer Meintire Land Then Runing through part of Mr Jacob Meintire Land then Running Through Land of Joſeph Richardson then Runing Through Land of Mr Jeſse Stevens then Runing Through Land of Joſeph How then Runs Through Land of Mr Thomas Greenough to aſhby Line with trees marked all the way on the weſterdly side of the Road

Reuben Smith } Selectmen For
John Thurſton Jur } Fitchburg

6ly Voted to Not accept of the Report of the Committee in Regard to there finding a Convenant place to seet a meeting houſe . . . . .

[**317**] 7ly Voted to see wheather the meeting houſe Shall Stand where it Now is it paſsed in the Negetive . .

8ly Voted to see wheather the Town will ereet a meeting Houſe in the Center of the Town or the Neareſt Convenant place & it paſsed in the affermitive — after some Conſideration on the matter . . . .

9ly Voted to Reconſider all the votes paſsed in Regard to placing the meeting Houſe

10 Voted to adjourn this meeting to fryday the Third Day of this inſtant october at Nine of the Clock in the morning the meeting adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

October ye 3rd 1788 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opned

Firſt Voted to take up the Ninth article in Regard to abating of Rates in the Colletors hands

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*Now known as part of Richardson Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

2ly Voted to pafs over abating Nicholas Danforths Rate in Capt Gibsons Lifts untill march Next

3ly Voted to abate william Clerks poll Tax in Capt Gibsons Lifts for the year 1781 which sum is one pound Eighteen shillings seven pence 2qr £1–18–7–2

4ly Voted to abate william Holt Rates in Jofeph Phelps Lift for the year 1782 Town Rate 3/0–1 minifter Rate 3/4–1 Clafs Rate 6/6–1 whole some 0–12–10–3

5ly Voted to act on the twelth article in the warrant in Regard to placeing the meeting houfe motion made to see if the Town will Reft the meeting houfe where it now stands vote put up

6ly Voted not to Reft the meeting Houfe where it Now Stands so paſsed in the Negitive motioned to see if the Town will Erect a meeting houfe on the hill up by Phins Sawyers the Vote put up

7ly Voted to erect a Meeting Houfe up on the hill Near Phinehas Sawyers Houfe on the Land belonging to the Heirs of Mr Ezra Upton of Danvers

voted to poll for a True vote Nays 17 yeas 32 . . .

8ly Voted to Choofe a Committee to Confult with the inhabitants of the weft part of the Town and inform them the proceedings of the Town in Regard to placing the meeting houfe to accomidate them & Carrey the same into Execution

9ly Voted to Choofe five perfons for a Committee for the above purpofe & Carreying on the meeting houfe

Viz Reuben Smith Afa Perrey Phinehas Sawyer Elijah Carter Jacob upton

Voted this Committee to be invefted with power to agree with the owners of the New fraim Erecting for a Meeting Houfe in the Nor wefterdly part of the Town if that Appears Cheapeft for the Town other ways are invefted with power to provide meterals & Timber for Building a New meeting Houfe in the prudenteft manner for said Town on said Plat of Ground

10ly Voted that the Committee appointed to provide for building the New meeting houfe make a Report of there proceedings at the Next Town meeting

11[ly] Voted to accep[t] of the Committee proceeding in Letting out m[r] payfons wood and pay each perfons there Refpective Sums annexed to there Name

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[318] October y[e] 3rd 1788

A Return made By the Committee appointed to Let out the Gitting mr payfons wood for the year 1788 are as follows

	£	f	d
bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord 4/10 each . .	1	4	2
Bid of by Benjamin Danforth 5 Cord at 4/6 each	1	2	6
Bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord at 4/5 each . .	1	2	1
Bid of by Joshua Needham 5 Cord at 4/4 each .	1	1	8
Bid of by Benj[a] Danforth 5 Cord at 4/2 each . .	1	0	10
Bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord at 3/11 each .	0	19	7
	6	10	10

Voted to allow the above sums in Town meeting to each perfon october 3rd 1788

Recorded By order of Selectmen

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

The Several Sums Raifed in town meeting to Repair The Two Bridges and the Names of the perfons that ware imployed are as follows

Deacon Kendel Boutell Bridge acc[t]	3	9	0
Daniel Ferwell Bridge acc[t]	2	15	10
James Poole Bridge acc[t]	1	18	6
Samuell Harrice acc[t]	1	17	0
Joſeph Ofgood acc[t]	1	7	0
Thomas French bridge acc[t]	1	11	6
Hezekiah Hodgskins Bridge acc[t]	1	8	6
John Ozburn Bridge acc[t]	1	13	6
Oliver Fullam Bridge acc[t]	1	2	6
Jacob Fullam Bridge acc[t]	0	13	0
Zacheus Ferwell Bridge acc[t]	1	4	0
Blaney Phillips Bridge acc[t]	0	13	0
Pelege Battles — — acc[t]	0	18	0
William Moredock acc[t]	0	9	6
Thomas Cowdin J[ur] — acc[t]	0	6	0
Jabez Sawyer — acc[t]	0	5	0

Thomas Stearns acct	1-19- 0
David Goodel Bridge acct	0-16- 0
Francis Fullum acct	0-15- 0
Nehmiah Fuller acct	1- 4- 0
Nehemiah Fuller Jur acct	0- 9- 0
John Hodgſkins acct	0-13- 6
Daniel Harrice acct	0- 9- 0
Joſeph Downe acct	0-13- 6
	28-10-10

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Ephraim Ozburn Bridge acct	0-10-6
Timothy Fullam Bridge acct	1- 5-6
John Simonds Bridge acct	0-15-0
Oliver Brown Bridge acct	0- 3-0
John Ferwell Bridge acct	0- 6-0
Jacob Ozburn Bridge acct	0-15-0
Samuell French Bridge acct	0-15-0
Andrew Goodel Bridge acct	0-15-0
David Pratt Bridge acct	0- 5-0
Amos Fiſk Bridge acct	1- 1-8
Jacob Allen Bridge acct	0- 9-0
Simeon Ferwell Bridge acct	0- 6-0
Abel Baldwin Bridge acct	0- 3-0
William Gale Rum for ye Bridge	0-10-0
Kendell Boutell Jur Bridge acct	1- 1-0
Goodels Bridge accounts sum Total	9- 0-8

The following Bill for the service at the mill Bridge

Aſeph Goodridge Bridge acct	1-14-0
Capt Samuel Burbank Bridge acct	0-19-6
David parces Bridge acct	0- 6-0
John Upton Bridge acct	1-10-0
Joſeph Phelps Bridge acct	0- 6-0
John Brown Bridge acct	0- 3-0
Amos Parce Bridge acct	0- 3-0
Joſeph Sawyer — — acct	0- 9-0
Luke Sawyer Bridge acct	0- 9-0
John Putnams Bridge acct	0- 6-8
Samuell Frenchs Bridge acct	0- 3-0

Solomon Storey Bridge acc^{t} wheels in	0- 8-6
Solomon Gibson Bridge acc^{t}	0- 3-0
Sum total . . .	7- 0-8

[**319**] Amos ordway Bridge acc^{t}	0- 3-0
Jeremiah Kinſman Bridge acc^{t}	0- 3-0
John Thurſton J^{ur} Bridge acc^{t}	0- 3-0
Capt John Goodridge Bridge acc^{t}	0- 3-0
Timothy Fullam Bridge acc^{t}	0- 6-0
Benj^{a} Jaquith Bridge acc^{t}	0- 3-0
John Ferwell Bridge acc^{t}	0-19-6
Jonathan Commings acc^{t}	0- 9-0
Hezekiah Hodgſkins acc^{t}	0- 4-6
Jonathan Holt Bridge acc^{t}	0- 7-6
Paul wetherbee acc^{t}	0- 3-0
Samuel Harrice acc^{t}	0- 3-0
sum Total . . .	£3- 7-6

	£	ſ	d
Daniel Ferwell acc^{t}	0-	3-	0
Joseph Gray Bridg acct	0-	1-	6
Joſhua Parce — acct	0-	4-	0
Ephraim Kimball acc^{t}	0-	16-	6
David Pratt — acc^{t}	0-	8-	10
Oliver Stickney acc^{t} vandue in acct	0-	11-	9
Phin^{e} Sawyer Bridge acc^{t} vandue in acct . .	0-	9-	11
Joſeph Fox for Rum Shuger	0-	12-	6
Joſeph Ofgood—accts	0-	1-	6
Abijah Goodridges acc^{t}	0-	17-	9
Moſes Hale Bridge acc^{t}	0-	11-	6
Sum Total . . .	4-	18-	9
	3-	7-	6
	7-	0-	8
	15-	6-	11

October 3rd 1788 att a Town Meeting The above accounts ware Allowed

12ly Voted This meeting To be Diffolved
Daniel Putnam Moderator
Attest—Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) (Seals) (Seals) Worceſter ſs To Hezekiah Hodgſkins Conſtable for The Town of Fitchburg in sd County Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Common wealth of Maſſachuſetts to will & Require you forth with in Due Courſe of Law To Notifie and warn all the free-holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet att the meeting houſe in said fitchburg on Tueſday the Twenty firſt Day of This Inſtant October at one of the Clock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

Firſt To Chooſe a moderator To Govern said meeting

2ly To See if the Town will Vote to such Inhabitants as ſhall petition there for The firſt meeting Houſe that was to attend public worſhip in by the inhabitants of the Town or act any thing their on as they shall Think proper

3ly To See if the Town will Vote to the said petitioners the Reverend Mr Payſon to Be their Miniſter they paying him his Sallary Granted to him at his settling with us or act any thing their on as they Shall Think proper . . . . .

4ly To See if the Town will Vote said petitioners with their Reſpective Eſtates to Bee incorperated to be a poll pariſh . . . . .

5ly to see if the Town will Comply with a Requſt of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to Grant that they together with there Reſpective Eſtates & Intereſt may be set of from Fitchburg and Annexed to the Town of Lunenburg providing the above articles Can not be Obtaned

Hereof Fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on To some or one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals att Fitchburg This seventh Day of October A D 1788

Paul wetherbee, Reuben Smith, John Thurſton Jur } Selectmen for fitchburg

Worceſter ſs

In Obidiance to This within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to aſſemble & meete at time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgſkins Conſtable

[320] Att A Meeting of The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Legaly Aſſembled on Tueſday the Twenty Firſt Day of this inſtant October 1788

Firſt Voted & Chooſe Eſq^{r} Thos Cowdin Moderator of s^{d} meeting

2^{ly} Voted to poll the Houſe on a motion made to adjourn s^{d} meeting which Vote paſsed in the Negetive not to adjourn . . . . .

3^{ly} Voted to Give Thoſe petitioners that Called the meeting Live to with Draw there petition Then voted to Diſſolve the meeting . . . . .

The meeting is accordingly Diſſolved

Thomas Cowdin Moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

Worceſter ſs

(seals) (seals) (seals) To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg—Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonweallth of Maſſachuſetts To will and Require you forth with By Verbale Notice to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants Qualafied By Law in the Town of fitchburg to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the meeting houſe in said Fitchburg on Tueſday the Twenty firſt Day of this inſtant October att four O Clock in the after Noon then and there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz

Firſt to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} to See what method the Town will Take for the futher support of of Ephraim Smith who hath Returned to this Town under Neceſsetous Circumſtances or act any thing theiron as they shall Think proper

3ly To See if the Town will perſue there proceſs in Law aganſt Capt Eliſha Smith on to Execution to Gitt Reid of said Ephraim and his family or act any Thing thereon as they Shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of This warrant with your Dowings Theiron to some one of us before the time apponted for said meeting Given under our Hands & Seals this Twentyth Day of this inſtant October 1788

Paul wetherbee
Reuben Smith
John Thurſton Jur
} Select men for Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs October ye 21st 1788

A Greable to the within warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of the town of fitchburg that ware here preſent to attend at the Time & place within Directed

Reuben Smith Conſtable

Att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legually Aſſembled on Tueſday the Twentith firſt Day of this inſtant October 1788 . . . . .

Firſt Voted & Chooſe Eſqr Thos Cowdin moderator of sd meeting

2ly Voted to Let out Ephraim Smith to the Loweſt Bidder by the week till march provided he Should Stay where he was put out in Town . . . . .

3 Voted to adjourn this meeting Down to Eſqr Cowdins Houſe for one half hour then to proceede Ephraim Smith Bid of by Stephen pingrey Jur at Two Shillings & five pence a weak while he Stays with him

4 Voted to Reſer the Third article in the warrant in Regard to Carring on the proceſs againſt Capt Eliſha Smith of worceſter to the Selectmen to Call the matter into Execution by our Agent Chooſen for that purpoſe or by themſelves or any other perſon they shall appoint in behalf of the Town as soon as Poſſable may be

5 Voted This meeting to be Diſſolved & is Diſſolved Accordingly

Thos Cowdin moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[321] weſtminſter Aſhburnham
Recorded on page 323 afterwards

This Day preamblated The Lines Betwene The Towns of Lunenburg and Fitchburg and Renewed the bounds a Greable to Law

October 23d 1788 — John Fuller, Jacob welſh } Selectmen of Lunenburg
Paul Weatherbee, Reuben Smith } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Pr order Selectmen Recorded

This Day preambelated The Lines Betwene Fitchburg & Aſhby Towns and Renewed the Bounds agreeable To Law

Novm 4th 1788 — Stephen Patch, Thomas Evens } in Behalf of aſhby
Reuben Smith, John Thurſton Jur } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Pr order Selectmen Recorded

Phins Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) (seals) (seals) Worceſter ſs To Reuben Smith Conſtable for the Town of fitchburg in sd County Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts to will and Require you fourthwith in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified as the Law Requires to vote for a Repreſentetive to aſſemble & meete at the meeting Houſe in said fitchburg on Thurſday the Eighteenth Day of December Next at one a Clock in the after Noon Then and their being Duly meet & formd to act on the following articles Viz—

1ly To Give in Theire Votes for There Repreſentetive to Repreſent The people of This Deſtrict which is the County of Worceſter in the Congreſs of the united States

2ly To Give in their Votes for two perſons who Shall be Inhabitants of this Deſtrict as Candidats for an Elector of the preſedent and vice preſedent of the united States

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings Thiron to some one of us on or before said

Day Given under our hands and Seals this Twenty Eight Day of Novembr A. D. 1788

Paul wetherbe Reuben Smith
John Thurſton J^ur^ Seleetmen—

att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legaly aſſembled in Town meeting Decem ye 18th 1788 agreeable to the Reſolve of the General Court . . . .

The following Gentlemen ware Voted for to Repreſentives for the Deſtriet of woreeſter County

	No
For the Honourable Abel Wilder Eſq^r^ votes	37
For the Honourable Jonathan Warren Eſq^r^ votes . .	1
For the Honourable Timothy paine Eſq^r^ votes . . .	1

Likewiſe The following Gentlemen ware Voted for as Candadates for Elector of the preſedent and Vice preſedent of the united States

	No
For the Honourable Seth warfhburn Eſq^r^ votes	17
For the Honourable John Feſsondon Eſq^r^ votes	15
For the Honourable Artemos ward Eſq^r^ vots	9
For the Honourable John Sprague Eſq^r^ votes	8
For the Hon^ll^ Jonathan Grout Eſq^r^ votes .	1

Recorded By order of The General Court &c
Phin^s^ Hartwell Clerk

[322] Woreeſter ſs

(seals) (seals) (seals) To Either of The Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting Theſe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts to will and Require you in Due Courſe of Law to Notifie and warn all ye Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to aſſemble and meet at the meeting Houſe in said Fitchburg on munday the Eighth Day of December Next at Two of the Clock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly meet & forme^d^ to act on the following articles Viz

Firſt To Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^ly^ To See if the Town will Sett of the Norweſtardly part of s^d^ Town as a Town Viz begining at weſtminſter

Line at the South weſt Corner of Nethaniel Sawyers Land including Thomas Fairbanks Benj[a] Hartwell Tho[s] Carter Elijah Carter the Heirs of Ezra Upton Phinehas Hartwell Stephen & Tho[s] Thurſton and from thence to aſhby Line with their Tenements & Eſtates or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

3[ly] if the Town Should not See fitt to comply with the above Requests we would erneſtly Requeſt of the Town that they would set us off as a pariſh upon Horourable Terms as may be agreed upon with Being annexed with the adjacent parties or act any thing thereon as they Shall Think proper

4[ly] To See if the Town will Raiſe any Sum or Sums of money to Repair The County Road betwene Charles willards and the Town Line or act any thing thereon as they Shall Think proper . . . . .

5[ly] To See if the Town will Give up some Beeds and other Houſehould Furneture To the wife of Ephraim Smith which was Brought to this Town with them which are at M[r] Seth Phillipſes or act any Thing theiron as they shall Think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of This warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hands and seales This Twenty Second Day of November A. D. 1788

Paul Wetherbee
Reuben Smith
John Thurſton J[ur] } Select men

Worceſter ſs

In obediance to This within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to aſſemble and meet at Time and place within mentioned as the Law Direct

Hezekiah Hodgſkins Conſtable

Att a Meeting of The Inhabitants of The Town of fitchburg Aſſembled on munday y[e] 8th Day of December A D 1788 The meeting being opned proceeded as follows

Firſt Voted & Chooſe Thomas Cowden Eſq[r] Moderator of said meeting

2ly Voted to pafs over the Second & Third articles in the warrant at ye prefent

3ly Voted to pafs over the fourth article in the warrant in Regard to Raifing any money to Repair the County Road Near Jacob Uptons . . . . .

[323] 4ly Voted That the wife of Ephraim Smith fhall have her Houfehold furniture provided She Takes away her Children from the Town That the Town Receives know further Damages from said family . . .

5ly Voted to adjourn the Second & Third article in the warrant to the Eighteenth Day of This inftant December at Ten of the Clock in the morning Then to See if the Town will Sect of the Norweftardly part of said Town as a Town or parifh

Phines Hartwell Town Clerk

Decembr ye 18th 1788 The Town affembled according to adjournment the meeting Being opned the people Ready to attend none of the Requefters appeared to act . . .

Firft Voted to adjourn This meeting to four a Clock on said Day in the after Noon then to meete

The Town Being meet at five a Clock on Said Day the meeting being opned None of the Requefting party of said meeting appeared to support the Caufe or Defire any further adjournment

2ly Voted to Difolve This meeting the meeting is Difolved accordingly

Thos Cowden moderator
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) (seals) Worcefter fs To Hezekiah Hodgfkins Conftable for Fitchburg in sd County Greeting Thefe are in The Name of the Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to will & Require you fourthwith in Manner as the Law Directs to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified to Vote for a Repref entetive to the General Court of This Commonwealth to affemble and meet att the meeting houfe on Thurfday the Twenty Ninth of January Currant

at Two of the Clock in the after Noon to Give in there Votes for a Repreſentetive who Shall be an inhabitant of the Deſtrict of worceſter to Reprſent the said Deſtrict in the Congreſs of the united States of America

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand and seals att fitchburg the sixteenth Day of January A. D. 1789

Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen for
John Thurſton Jur } Fitchburg

The Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legaly Aſſembled in Town meeting on Thurſday the Twenty Ninth Day of this inſtant January 1789 agreable to a Reſolve of ye General Court . . . . .

Then Gave in there Votes for the following Gentlemen in the Deſtrict of worceſter to Repreſent the people thereof in the Congreſs of the united Stats

	No Vots
For the Honourable Artamas Ward Eſqr	12
For the Honourable Timothy Pain Eſqr	10
For the Honourable Abel Wilder Eſqr	5
For the Honourable Jonathan Grout Eſqr	1

In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to aſſemble and meete att time and place within mentioned as the Law directs Hezekiah Hodgskins Conſtable

This being seet here by omiting the proper place
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

March 24th 1789 This Day the Line betwene weſtminſter & fitchburg preambilated & Renewed the Bounds according to Law By us the subſcribers Selectmen for Fitchburg & weſtminster

Edmund Bemis } Selectmen for
Jonathan Hager } weſtminſter
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen for
John Thurſton Jur } fitchburg

March 24 1789 we the subſcribers have this Day preambelated and Renewed the Bounds betwene Aſhburnham & Fitchburg according to Law

Samuel Foſter } Selectmen for
Jonathan Samſon } Aſhburnham
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen for
John Thurſton Jur } Fitchburg

[324] Worceſter ſs To Either of the Conſtables of
(seals) The Town of Fitchburg in s[d] County Greeting
(seals) Theſe are In the Name of The Commonwealth of
(seals) Maſſachuſetts To will and Require you forthwith By Verble Notice to warn all The Freeholders and Other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qulified as the Law Directs to Vote for a Repreſentetive to the General Court of This Commonwealth to aſſemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in said Fitchburg on munday The Second Day of March Next at four a Clock after Noon to Give in there Votes for a Repreſentetive to Repreſent the Said Deſtrict of worceſter in the Congreſs of the United States of America . . . . .

Hereof fail Not and make return of This warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hands & Seals this Twentieth Day of February A. D. 1789

Paul Wetherbee
Reuben Smith } Selectmen
John Thurſton J[ur]

Worceſter ſs

Agreable to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg By Verble Notice to attend at the time & place within mentioned . . .

Reuben Smith Conſtable

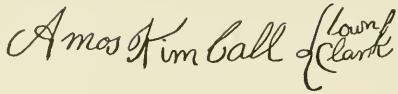
The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being Legally aſſembled in Town Meeting on Munday the second Day of March 1789 Agreable to the Reſolve of the General Court Gave in there Votes for the following Gentlemen in the Deſtrict of worceſter County to Repreſent the People thereof in the Congreſs of the United States . . . .

	Votes	
For the Horourable Artamos Ward Eſq[r] No of Votes	10	Repreſentetive
For the Horourable Jonathan Grout Eſq[r]	20	to Congreſs
For the Horourable Timothy Paine Eſq[r]	16	

Sealed up & Directed to the secretary office agreeable to order of Court . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

1764, 1765.



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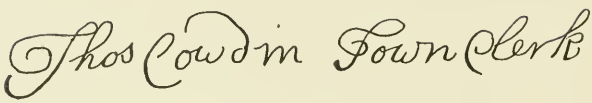

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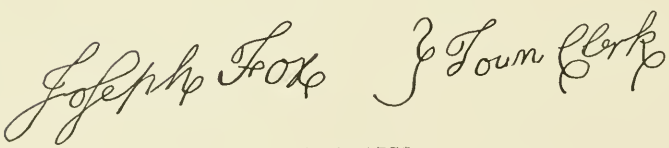

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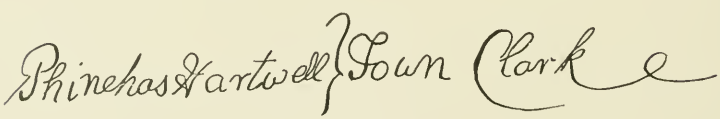

1784—1795.

APPENDIX

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PAPERS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES.

Whereas the Late act of Court Passed for filling up and Compleating the Continental army ordered a Return to be made to the Secretaries office on or before ye first Day of June Next but Did not say by whome sd Return should be made these may Certify that the militia officers of the town of Fitchburg Have agreeable theirto Drafted four men and made a return to the Colo of the Regiment sd men to serve in the Continental service for Nine months

Fitchburg May ye 20th 1778

To the Secretary's office

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Carter
} Select men for Fitchburg

[*Vol. 41, page 328.*]

An accompt of the several articles Collected from the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg for the Contl soldiers and the price of each article as follows viz

Twenty four pairs of Shoes	at 48/– each pair	£57–12–0
Twenty four " of Stockings	at 30/– " "	36 00 0
Twenty one Woolen Shirts	60/– " shirt	63 00 0
three Linen Shirts	at 40/– " "	6 00 0

Fitchburg September ye 18 1778

To John Wate agent for the County of Worcester Sr We here send you the things that we have collected and the price of each article that we were obliged to give as you may see inventory above We have taken unwearied pains to Compleat our Coto But through sickness and want of Help we are Disepointed and Cud not make a seasonable Return for we new not what we should Collect before. Our Spirite is Good but our Help is weak

David Goodridge
Phinehas Hartwell
Abraham Gibson
Elijah Carter
} Selectmen for Fitchburg

[*Vol. 41, page 206.*]

To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts In General Court assembled at Boston May 5th 1781

The petition of Abijah Holbrook in the Name and Behalf of Silas Pratt of Fitchburgh in the County of Worcester in the sd Commonwealth

Humbly Sheweth that the said Silas preferred a petition to the General Court In the month of January Last praying that he might be allowed His Wages for ten months & Eleven Days which he was in Captivity In New York in the Year 1780 and for the loss of a blanket but your petitioner finds that the petition is lost or mislaid, Your petitioner Therefore prays Your Honours to take the Case into your wise Consideration and as the proper Vouchers Cannot be found Enquire of the Honourable Jabez Fisher of the Senate and Capt Cowden Representative of sd Fitchburgh and grant such Releif as you In your Wisdom May See Just and Reasonable as your petitioner In Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Abijah Holbrook

[*Vol. 187, page 127.*]

To the Honble the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled Sept. 1782

The Petition of Thomas Cowdin in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg Humbly sheweth that the Number of Men for the Continental Army by the last Requisition was four Men for the sd Town accordingly they have raised three able Men & sent forward to said Army—& suppose that three Men is the full Proportion for said Town according to the Neighboring Towns. And as said Town is ready at all Times to do their full proportion & are greatly Burdened with Bridges & Bad Roads Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that this Honble Court would remit to the Town of Fitchburgh aforesd the Fine that is already laid on sd Town for not raising the 4th Man according to the said last Requisition And as in duty bound shall ever pray

Thos Cowdin

[*Vol. 238, page 86.*]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the House of Representatives October 7th 1782

On the Petition of Thomas Cowden in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg Praying for the remission of a fine Laid on said Town for not Procuring one man of the Last three years Men for the Continental Army

Resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition be so far Granted that the execution against the said Town of Fitchburg for the Deficiency of one Man for the Last requisition of Men to fill up the Continental Army be staid untill the further Order of the General Court—any Resolve to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Sent up for Concurrence

Nath Gorham Speaker

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